

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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May 21, 2004

US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch 6508 Falls of the Neuse Road/ Suite 120 Raleigh, NC 27615

ATTENTION:

Mr. John Thomas

NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: Nationwide 23 Permit Application for the for the replacement Bridge No. 72

over Prong of Country Line Creek and Bridge No. 11 over Country Line Creek on SR 1565, Caswell County. Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1565(3), State

Project No. 8.2481401, Division 7, TIP Project No. B-3629, WBS

#33177.1.1.1.

Please find enclosed three copies of the project planning report, permit drawings, and ½ size plans for the above referenced project. The document states that Bridge No. 72 (Site 1) over Prong of Country Line Creek will be replaced with a reinforced concrete triple barrel culvert that is 12 feet wide and 8 feet high. Prong of Country Line Creek is not a jurisdictional stream. Bridge No. 11 (Site 2) over Country Line Creek will be replaced with a new 220-foot long bridge on the existing alignment with two 11 foot lanes with 3 foot offsets on each side. Traffic will use onsite detours during construction. Onsite detours are required because there is no suitable offsite detour.

Wetlands will be permanently impacted and consist of 0.15 acres of fill and 0.10 acres of mechanized clearing. There will be no stream impacts. Prong of Country Line Creek is not a jurisdictional stream. Country Line Creek is located in the Roanoke River Basin within HUC 03010104 and is classified by the Division of Water Quality as Class C.

The approach roadway will consist of two 11-foot travel lanes and shoulder widths of 5 feet. The shoulder widths will be 3 feet wider where guardrail is warranted. There will be approximately 380 feet of approach work on each side of Bridge No. 11 and approximately 250 feet on each side of Bridge No. 72.

WEBSITE: WWW.NCDOT.ORG

During construction, traffic will be shifted onto temporary two-lane alignments, to the north of the existing bridges. The detour for Bridge No. 72 (Site 1) will consist of three 12 foot by 8 foot RCBCs. The detour bridge for Bridge No 11 (Site 2) will be approximately 90 feet in length and 26 feet in width. An onsite detour is necessary due to the lack of a suitable offsite detour.

After construction of the new bridges is completed the temporary structures will be removed. The temporary approach fill will be removed to the natural grade and the area will be re-vegetated with appropriate plant species.

Bridge Demolition: Bridge No. 11 and 72 are composed of timber and steel with an asphalt wearing surface. The bridge railings and substructure will be removed without dropping components into Waters of the United States. All guidelines for bridge demolition and removal will be followed in addition to Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters and BMP's for Bridge Demolition and Removal.

MITIGATION

The Corps of Engineers has adopted, through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a wetland mitigation policy that embraces the concept of "no net loss of wetlands" and sequencing. The purpose of this policy is to restore and maintain the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of the Waters of the United States. Mitigation of wetland and surface water impacts has been defined by the CEQ to include: avoiding impacts, minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time and compensating for impacts (40 CFR 1508.20). Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and Department of Transportation Order 5660.1A (Preservation of the Nations Wetlands), emphasize protection of the functions and values provided by wetlands. These directives require that new construction in wetlands be avoided as much as possible and that all practicable measures are taken to minimize or mitigate impacts to wetlands.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The NCDOT is committed to incorporating all reasonable and practicable design features to avoid and minimize jurisdictional impacts, and to provide full compensatory mitigation of all remaining, unavoidable jurisdictional impacts. Avoidance measures were taken during the planning and NEPA compliance stages; minimization measures were incorporated as part of the project design.

<u>COMPENSATION</u>: The primary emphasis of the compensatory mitigation is to reestablish a condition that would have existed if the project were not built. As previously stated, mitigation is limited to reasonable expenditures and practicable considerations related to highway operation. Mitigation is generally accomplished through a combination of methods designed to replace wetland functions and values lost as a result of construction of the project. These methods consist of creation of new wetlands from uplands, borrow pits, and other non-wetland areas; restoration of wetlands; and enhancement of existing wetlands. Where such options may not be available, or when existing wetlands and wetland-surface water complexes are considered to be important resources worthy of preservation, consideration is given to preservation as at least one component of a compensatory mitigation proposal.

FHWA STEP DOWN COMPLIANCE: All compensatory mitigation must be in compliance with 23 CFR Part 777.9, "Mitigation of Impacts" that describes the actions that should be followed to qualify for Federal-aid highway funding. This process is known as the FHWA "Step Down" procedures:

- 1. Consideration must be given to mitigation within the right-of-way and should include the enhancement of existing wetlands and the creation of new wetlands in the highway median, borrow pit areas, interchange areas and along the roadside.
- 2. Where mitigation within the right-of-way does not fully offset wetland losses, compensatory mitigation may be conducted outside the right-of-way including enhancement, creation, and preservation.

Based upon the agreements stipulated in the "Memorandum of Agreement Among the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District" (MOA), it is understood that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP), will assume responsibility for satisfying the federal Clean Water Act compensatory mitigation requirements for NCDOT projects that are listed in Exhibit 1 of the subject MOA during the EEP transition period which ends on June 30, 2005.

Since the subject project is listed in Exhibit 1, the necessary compensatory mitigation to offset unavoidable impacts to waters that are jurisdictional under the federal Clean Water Act will be provided by the EEP. The offsetting mitigation will derive from an inventory of assets already in existence within the same 8-digit cataloguing unit. The Department has avoided and minimized impacts to jurisdictional resources to the greatest extent possible as described above. The remaining, unavoidable impacts to 0.25 acres of jurisdictional wetlands will be offset by compensatory mitigation provided by the EEP program.

FEDERALLY-PROTECTED SPECIES

Plants and animals with federal classifications of Endangered, Threatened, Proposed Endangered, and Proposed Threatened are protected under provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. As of January 2003 the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) lists one federally protected species for Caswell County (Table 1).

Table 1- Federally Protected Species of Caswell County

Common Name	Scientific Name			Biological Conclusion
Pleurobema collina	James spinymussel	Е	N	No Effect

A biological conclusion of "No Effect" was reached for the dwarf wedge mussel on October 28, 2001. NCDOT will conduct follow up surveys for the James spinymussel prior to the let date.

REGULATORY APPROVALS

This project is being processed by the Federal Highway Administration as a "Categorical Exclusion" in accordance with 23 CFR 771.115(b). Therefore, we do not anticipate requesting an individual permit but propose to proceed under a Nationwide 23 in accordance with 67 FR 2020, 2082, Jan 15, 2002. We anticipate a 401 General Certification number 3361 will apply to this project and will adhere to the general conditions of WQC 3361. In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .0501(a) we are providing two copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, for their records.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brett Feulner at (919) 715-1488.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.
Environmental Management Director, PDEA

w/ attachment

Mr. John Dorney, NCDWQ(2 Copies)

Mr. Gary Jordan, USFWS

Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC

Mr. J.M. Mills, P.E., Division Engineer

Mr. Jerry A. Parker, DEO

w/o attachment

Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design

Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design

Mr. Omar Sultan, Programming and TIP

Ms. Art McMillan, PE, Highway Design

Mr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics

Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental

Ms. Robin Hancock, Project Planning Engineer

Mr. David Franklin, USACE, Wilmigton

Mr. Bill Gilmore, EEP



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May 4, 2004

Mr. William D. Gilmore, P.E. EEP Transition Manager Ecosystem Enhancement Program 1652 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1652

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

Subject: Bridge No. 72 over Prong of Country Line Creek and Bridge No. 11 over

Country Line Creek on SR 1565, Caswell County. Federal Aid Project No.

BRZ-1565(3), State Project No. 8.2481401 TIP Project No. B-3629.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) provide confirmation that the EEP is willing to provide compensatory mitigation for the project in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed July 22, 2003 by the USACE, the NCDENR and the NCDOT.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to replace Bridge No. 72 over Prong of Country Line Creek and Bridge No. 11 over Country Line Creek in Caswell County with the use of a temporary on-site detour. Jurisdictional impacts on this project occur in the Roanoke River Basin. This project is on the list of projects covered by EEP.

RESOURCES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SECTION 404 AND 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

We have avoided and minimized the impacts to jurisdictional resources to the greatest extent possible as described in the permit application. A copy of the permit application can be found at http://www.ncdot.org/planning/pe/naturalunit/Applications.html. The remaining impacts to jurisdictional resources will be compensated for by mitigation provided by the EEP program. We estimate 0.41 acres of riverine wetlands will be impacted.

The project is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Province in Caswell County in the Roanoke River basin in Hydrological Cataloguing Unit 03010104.

• The wetland impacts total 0.25 acres of bottomland hardwood forest. We propose to provide compensatory mitigation for the wetland impacts by using the EEP for the 0.25 acres of impacts.

WEBSITE: WWW.DOH.DOT.STATE.NC.US

Please send the letter of confirmation to John Thomas (USACE Coordinator) at U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Raleigh Regulatory Field Office, (6508 Falls of the Neuse Road/ Suite 120, Raleigh, NC, 27615). Mr. Thomas' FAX number

is 876-5823. The current let date for the project is (September 21, 2004) for which the let review date is (August 3, 2004).

In order to satisfy regulatory assurances that mitigation will be performed; the NCDWQ requires a formal letter from EEP indicating their willingness and ability to provide the mitigation work requested by NCDOT. The NCDOT requests such a letter of confirmation be addressed to Mr. John Hennessy of NCDWO, with copies submitted to NCDOT.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call Brett Feulner at 715-1488.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director

Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch

Mr. David Franklin, USACE, Wilmington cc:

Mr. John Dorney, Division of Water Quality

Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC

Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design

Mr. Omar Sultan, Programming and TIP

Ms. Debbie Barbour, P.E., Design Services

Mr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics

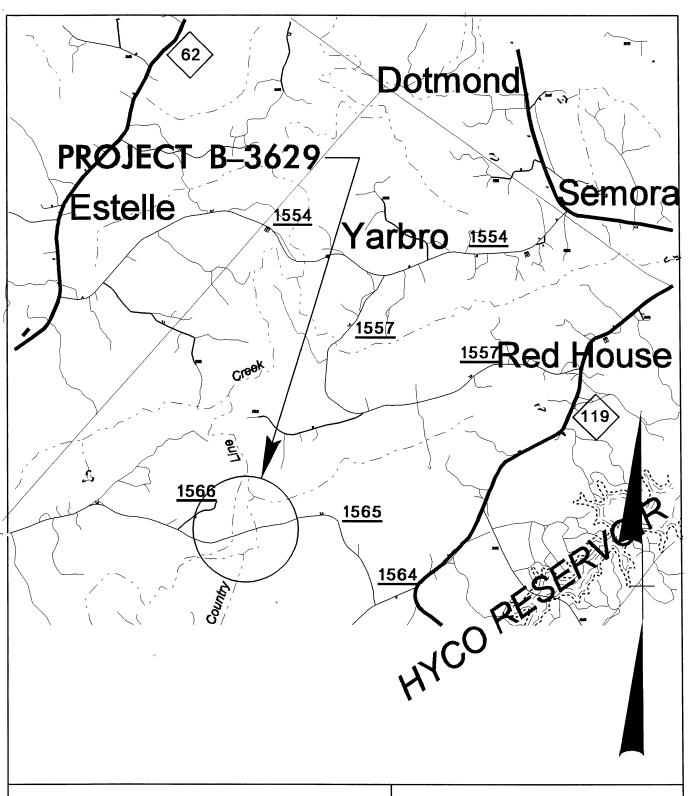
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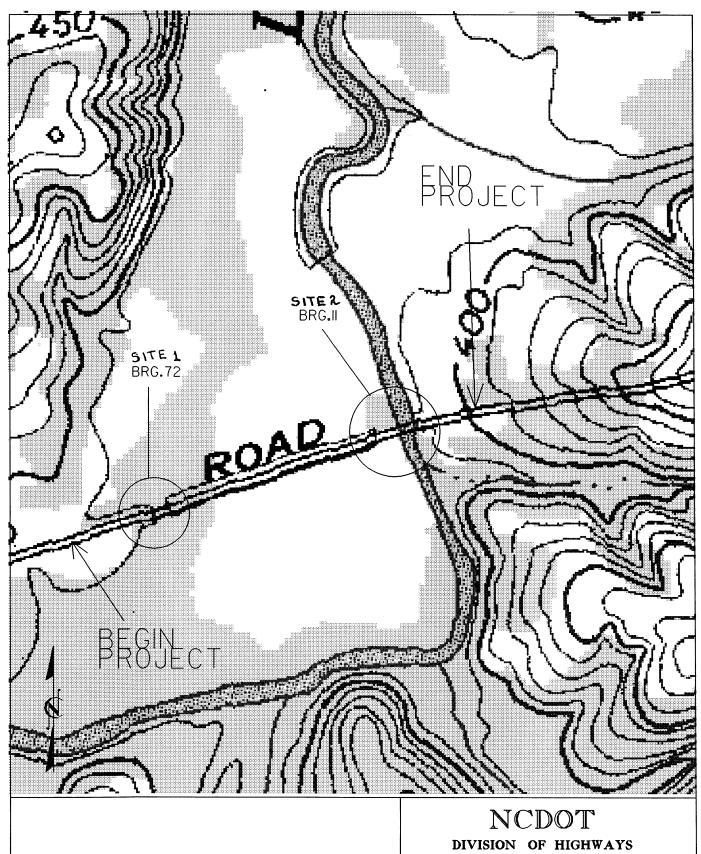
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REPLACE BRIDGES NO.11 AND NO.72
OVER COUNTRY LINE CREEK ON
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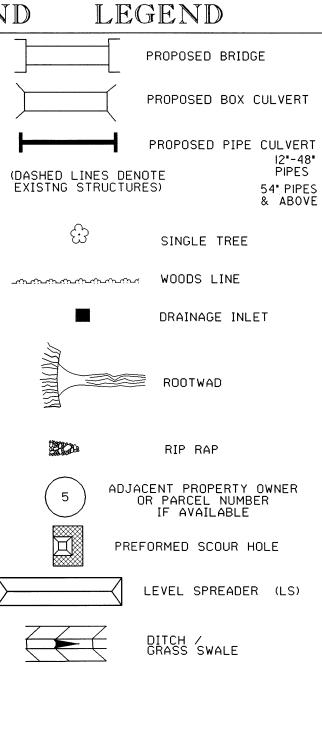
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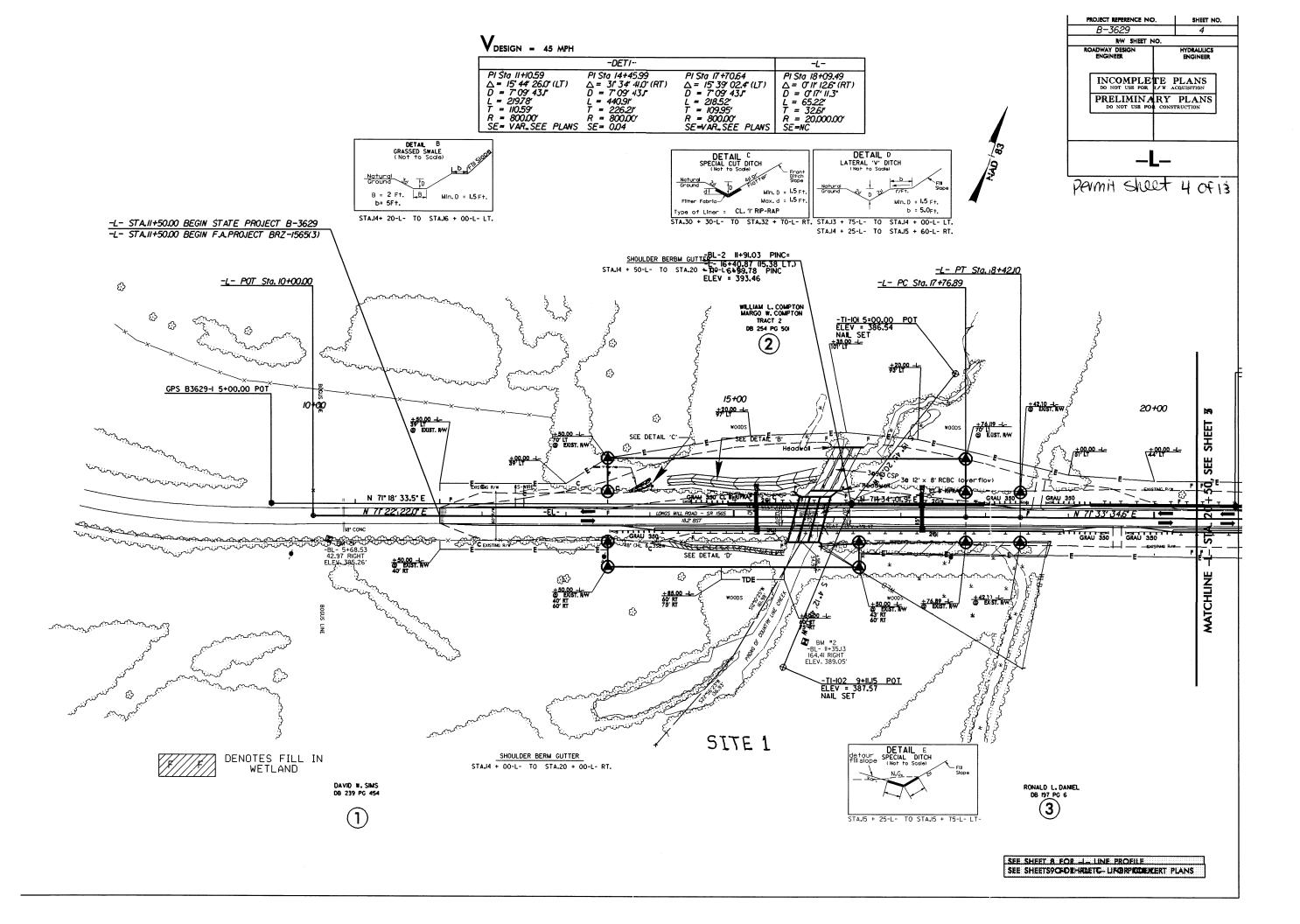


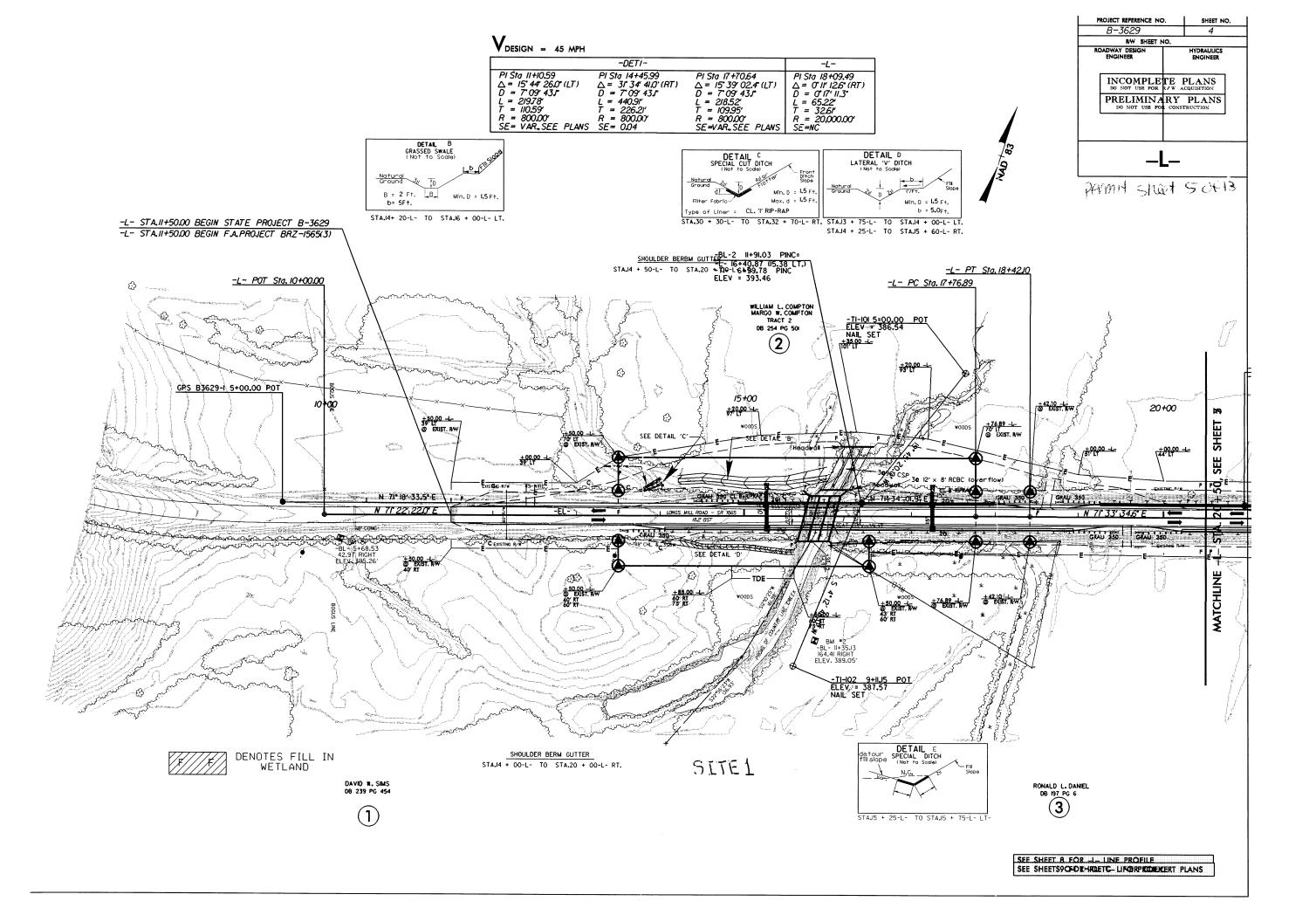
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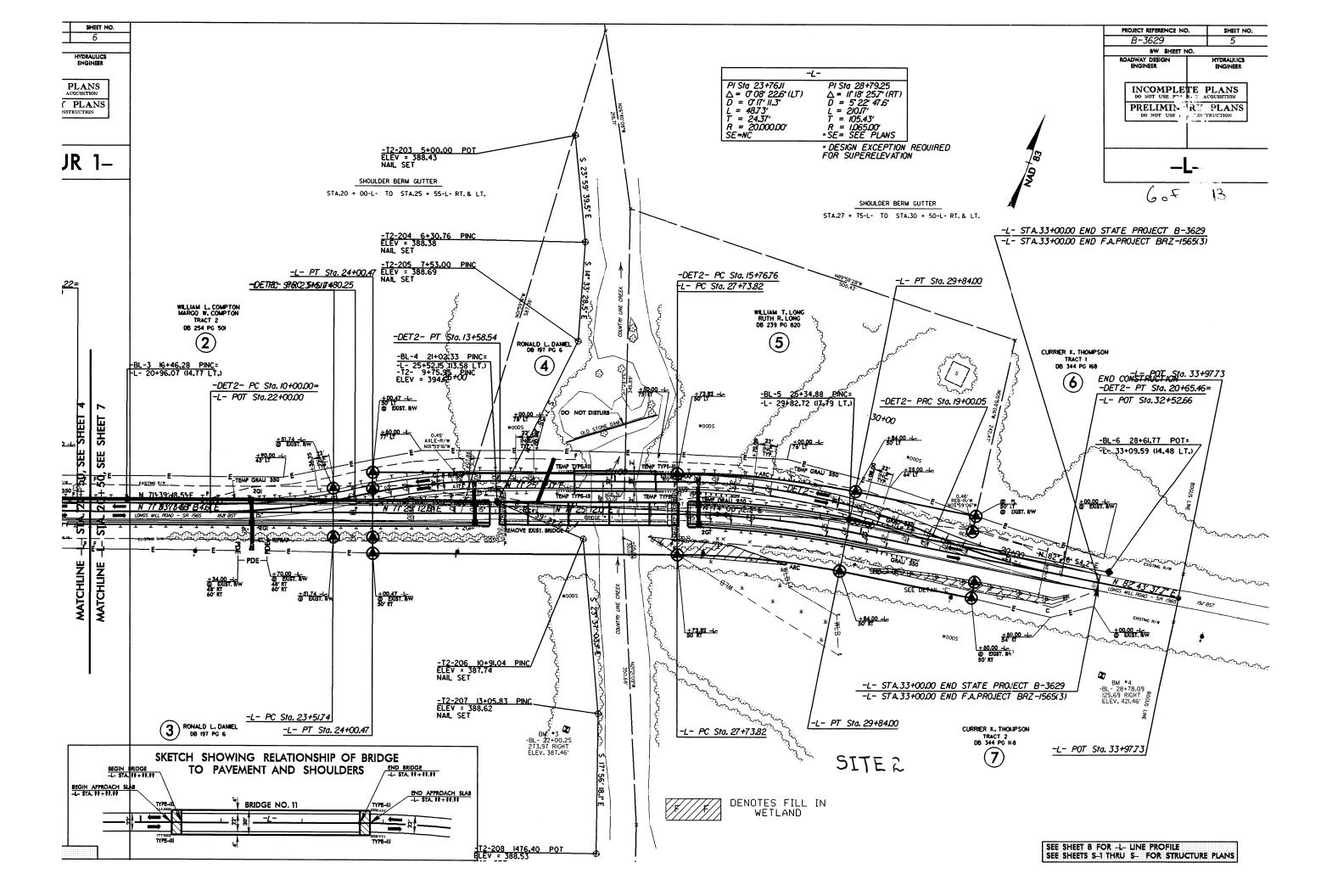
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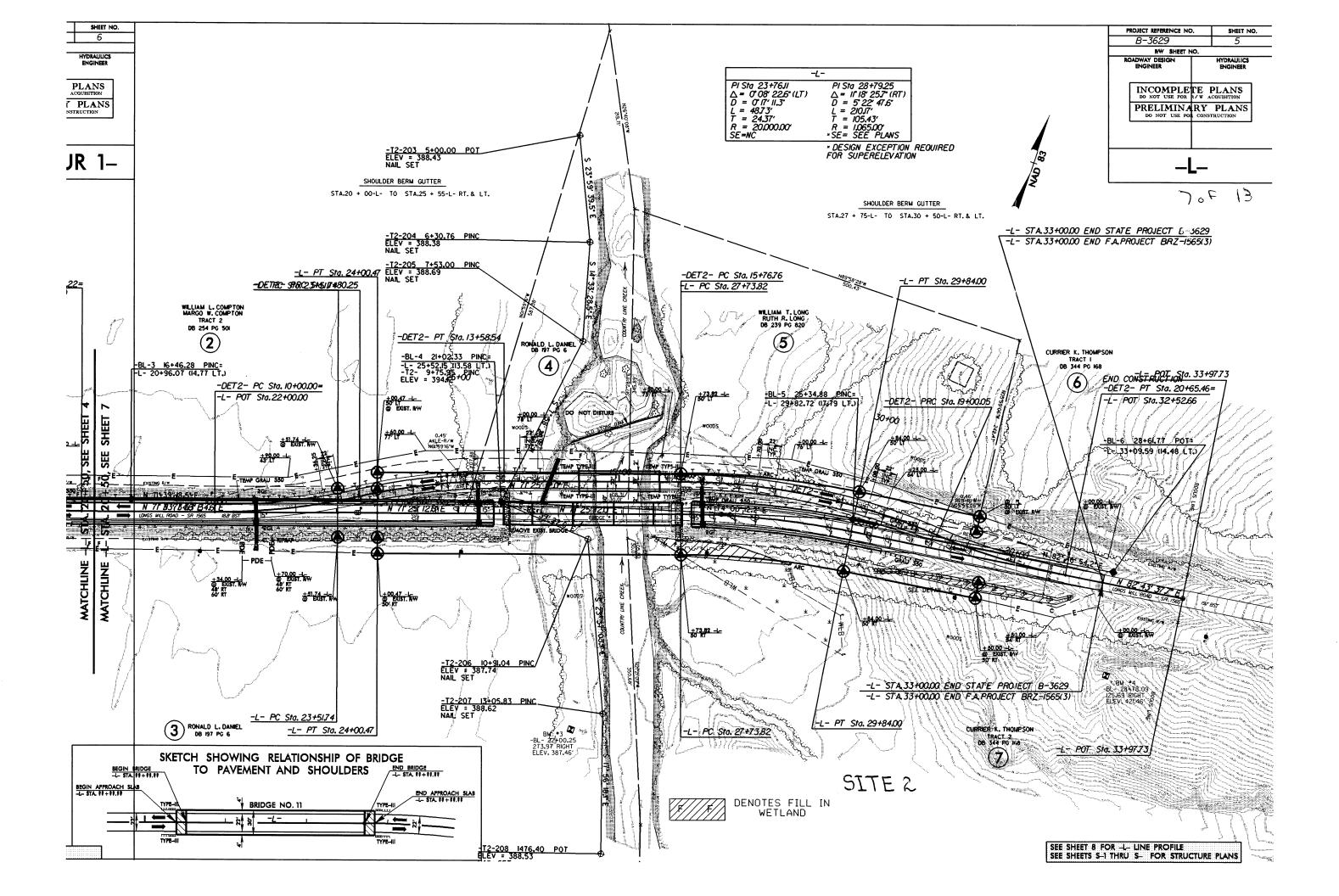
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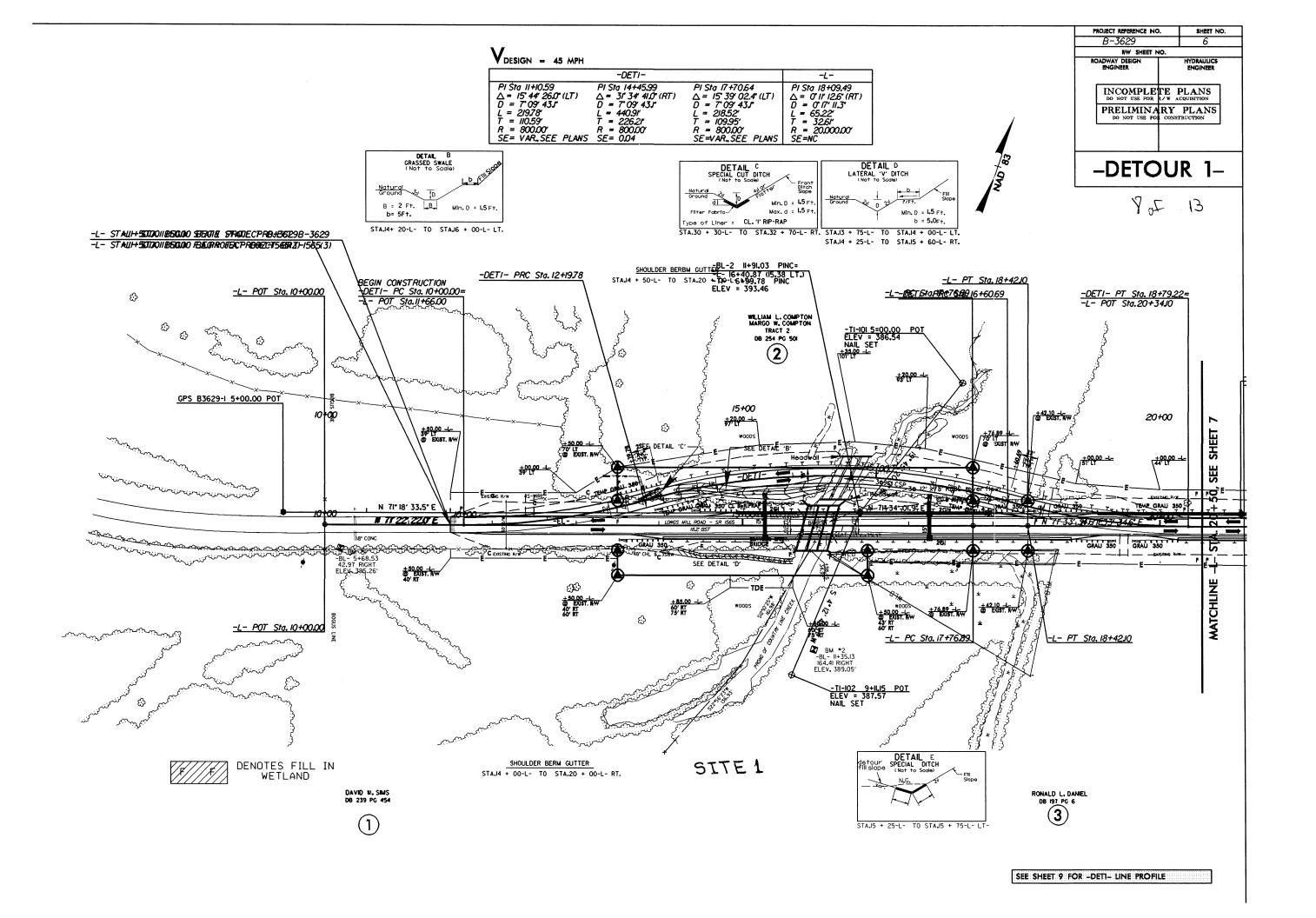
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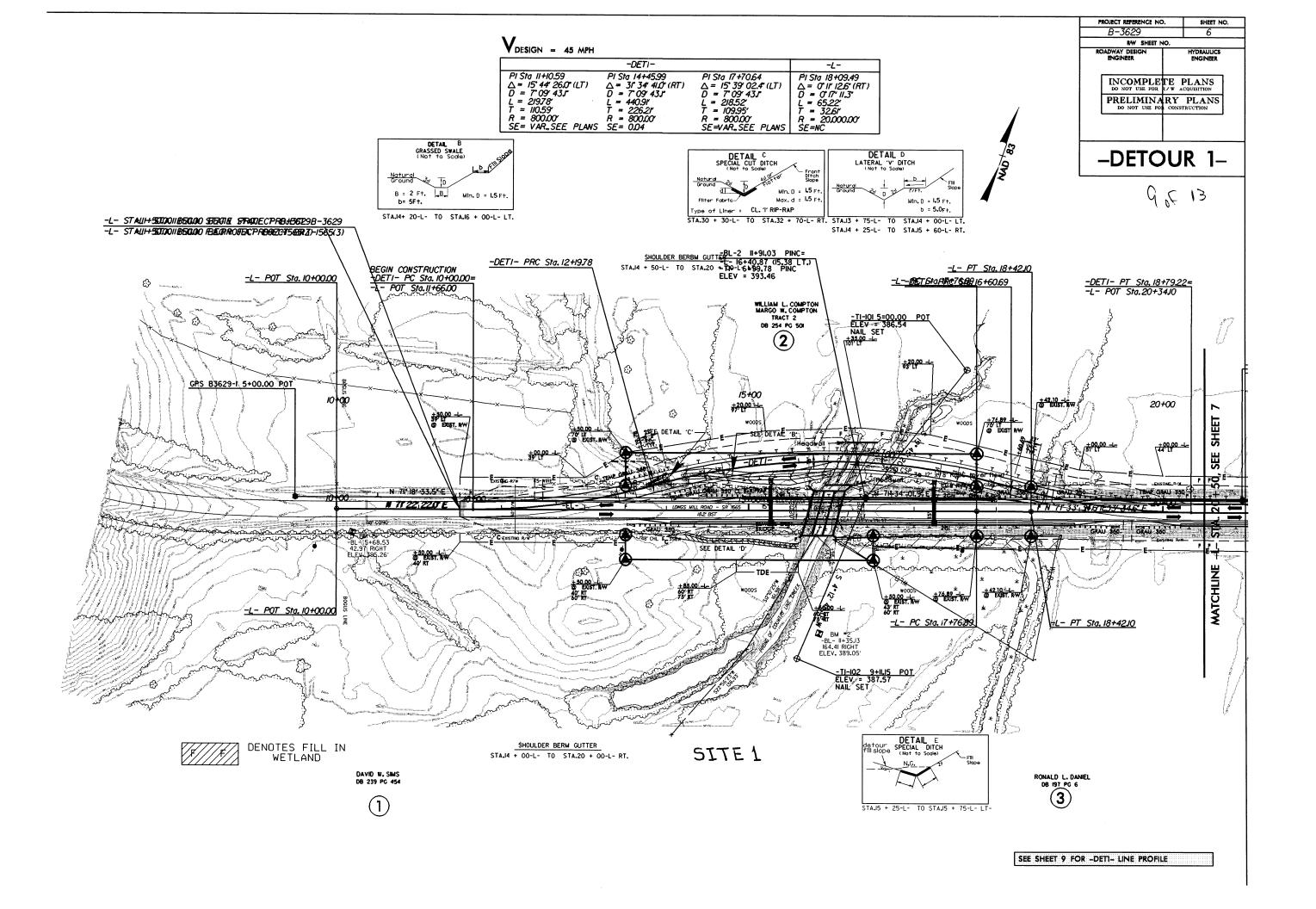


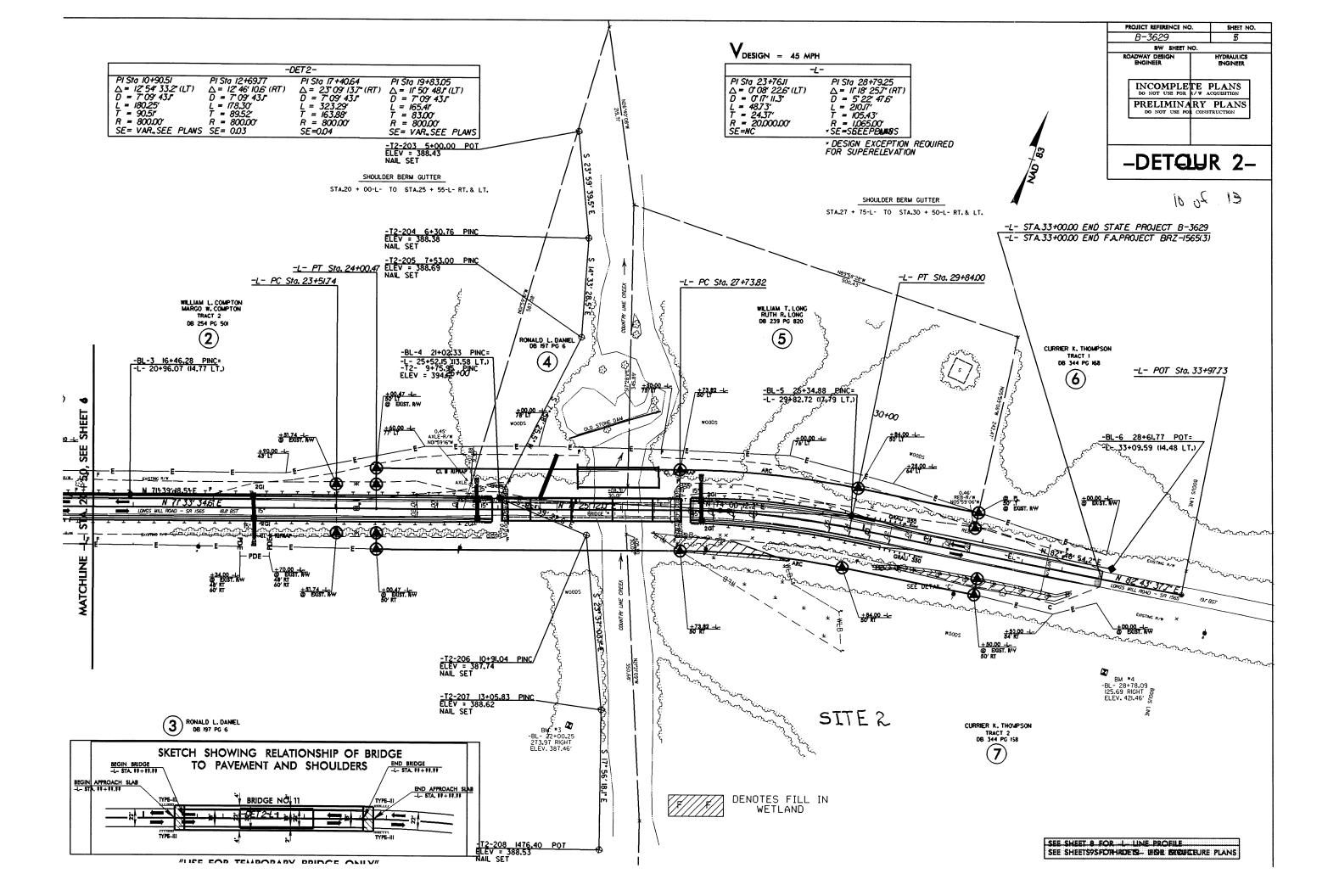


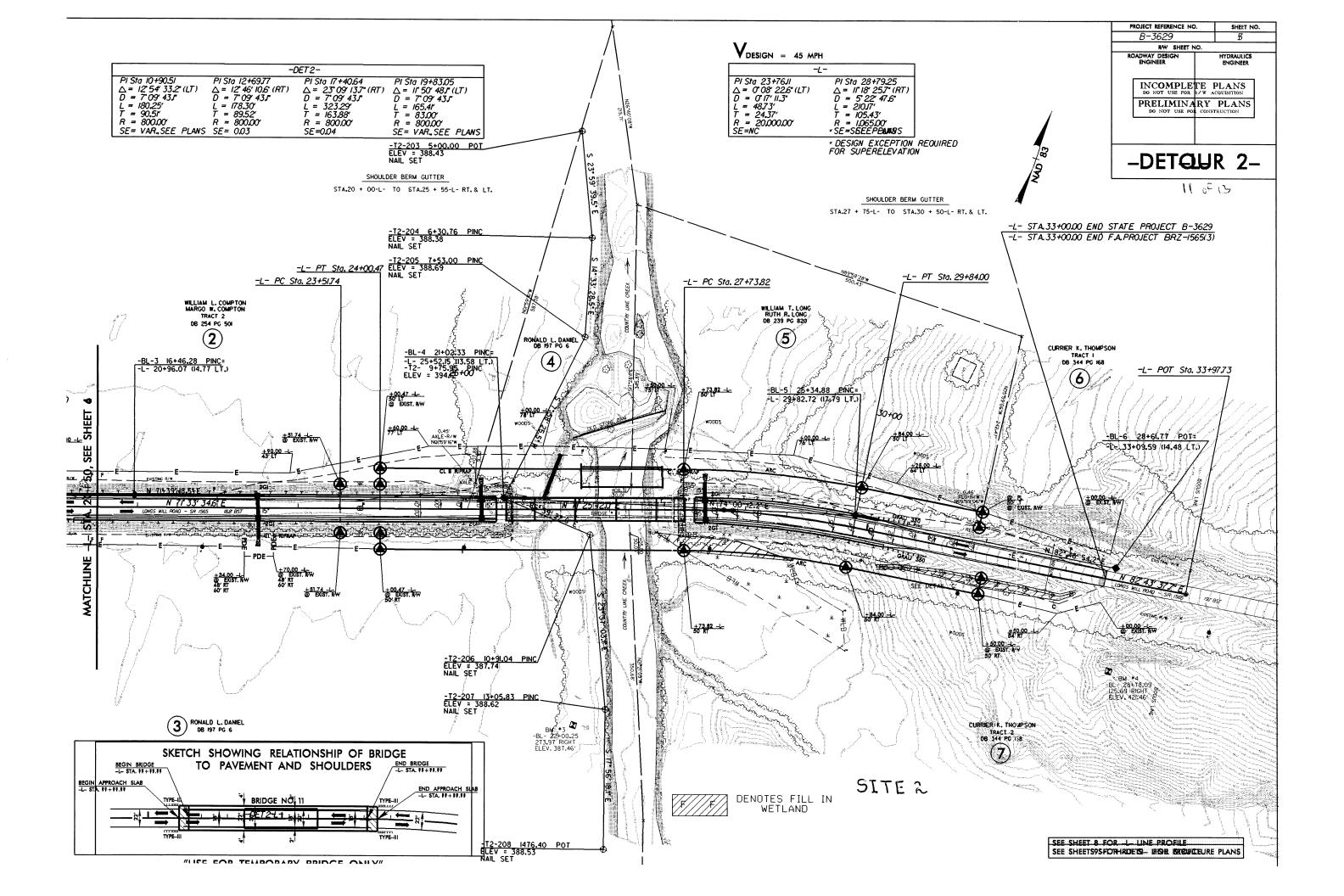












PROPERTY OWNERS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

PARCEL NO.	NAMES	ADDRESSES
① David	W. Sims	2060 Longs Mill Rd. Blanch, NC 27212
② William L.	.Compton	153 Bill Compton Road Blanch, NC 27212
3 Ronald	L. Daniel	215 Daniels Dairy Roac Blanch, NC 27212
4 Ronald	L. Daniel	215 Daniels Dairy Road Blanch, NC 27212
5 William	T. Long	1716 Bearhollow Rd. Greensboro, NC
6 Currie K.T	hompson,	3511 Longs Mill Rd. Blanch, NC 27212
7 Currie K.T	hompson,III	3511 Longs Mill Rd. Blanch, NC 27212
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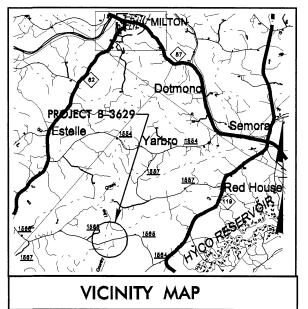
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

CASWELL COUNTY

LOCATION: BRIDGE NO. 11 OVER COUNTRY LINE CREEK

AND BRIDGE NO. 72 OVER PRONG OF

COUNTRY LINE CREEK ON SR 1565 (LONGS MILL ROAD)

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, GUARDRAIL,

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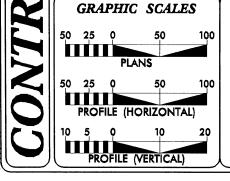
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** A DESIGN EXCEPTION WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE SAG VERTICAL CURVES, SUPERELEVATION, AND STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE.

PRELIMINARY PLANS
DO NOT USE FOR CONSTRUCTION



DESIGN DATA
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ADT 2025 = 700
DHV = 14 %
D = 60 %
T = 3 % *
V = 55 MPH
VDETOUR = 45 MPH
* TIST 1 % DUAL 2 %
FUNC CLASS = LOCAL

PROJECT LENGTH

LENGTH ROADWAY TIP PROJECT B-3629 = 0.359 Mi.

LENGTH STRUCTURE TIP PROJECT B-3629 = 0.048 Mi.

TOTAL LENGTH OF TIP PROJECT B-3629 = 0.407 Mi.

Prepared In the Office of:

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

1000 Birch Ridge Dr., NC, 27610

2002 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY DATE:
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

LETTING DATE:
SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

DANNY GARDNER

PROJECT DESIGN ENGINEER

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HYDRAULICS ENGINEER

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SIGNATURE:

P.E.

ROADWAY DESIGN
ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

PROJECT REFERENCE NO. SHEET NO.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

*S.U.E = SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEER

CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS

BUILDINGS & OTHER CULTURE

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Edge of Pavement		MINOR	
Curb		Head & End Wall	
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Prop. Slope Stakes Fill		Pipe Culvert	
		Footbridge	
Prop. Woven Wire Fence		Drainage Boxes	СВ
Prop. Chain Link Fence		Paved Ditch Gutter	
Prop. Barbed Wire Fence			
Prop. Wheelchair Ramp		UTILITIES	
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Stream or Body of Water River Basin Buffer		Gas Valve	\/
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Disappearing Stream		Telephone Manhole	
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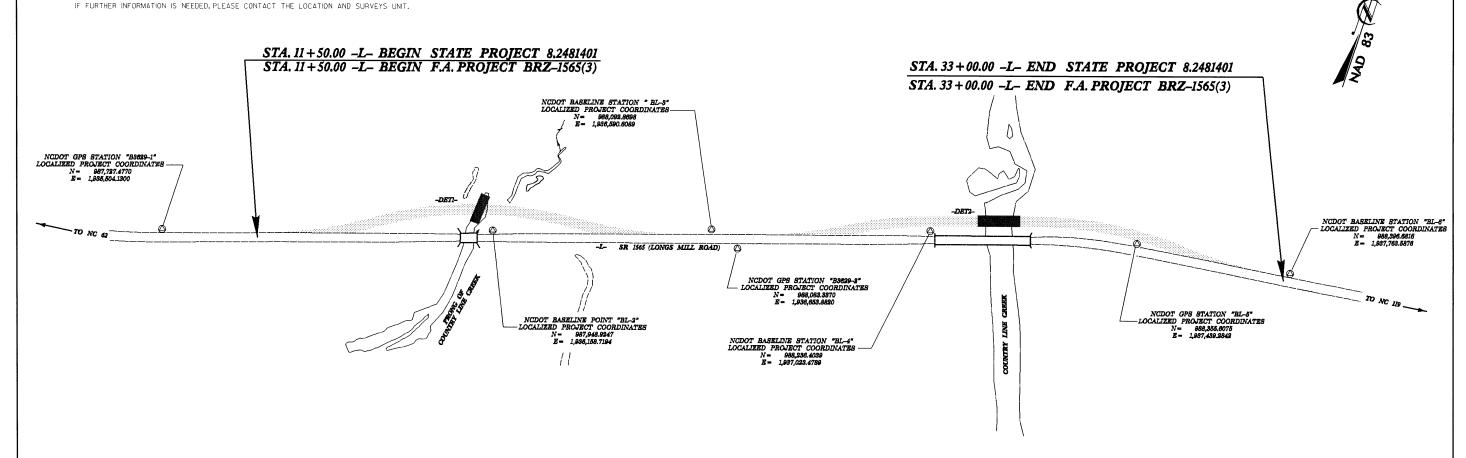
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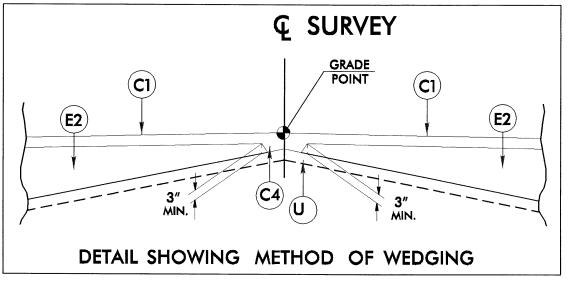
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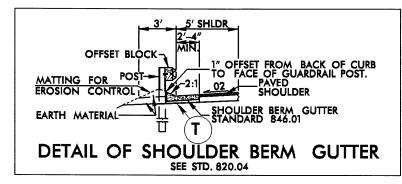
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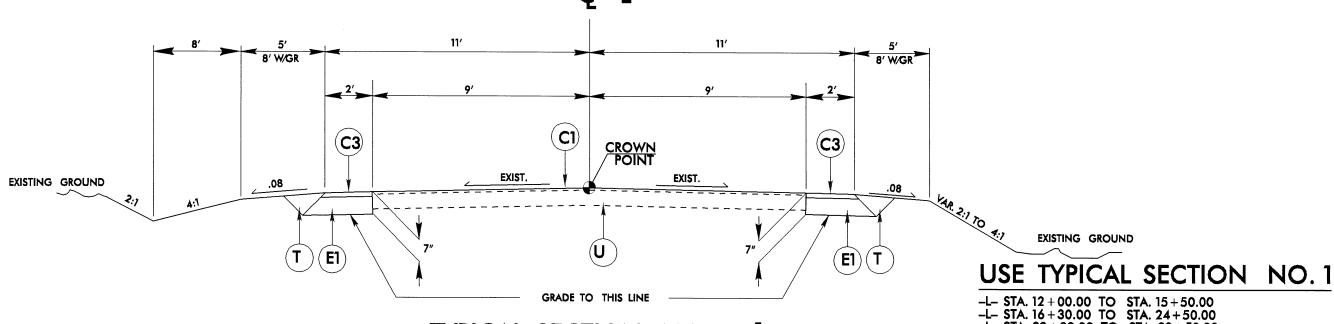


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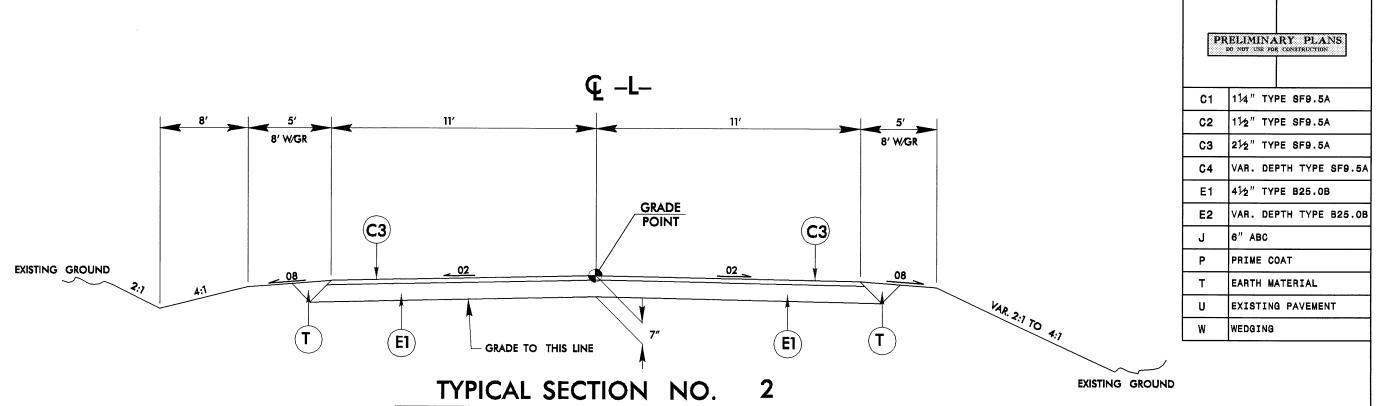
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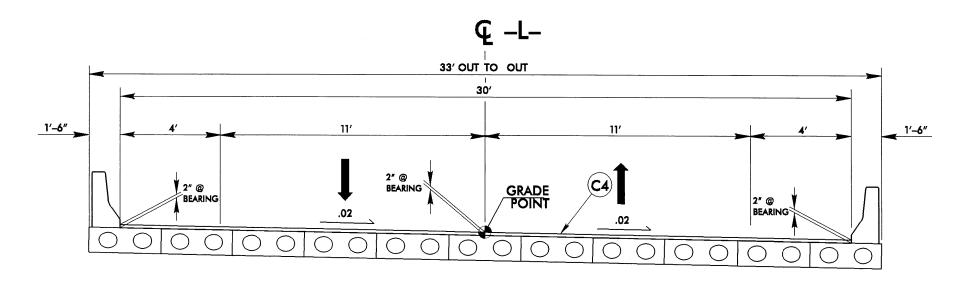
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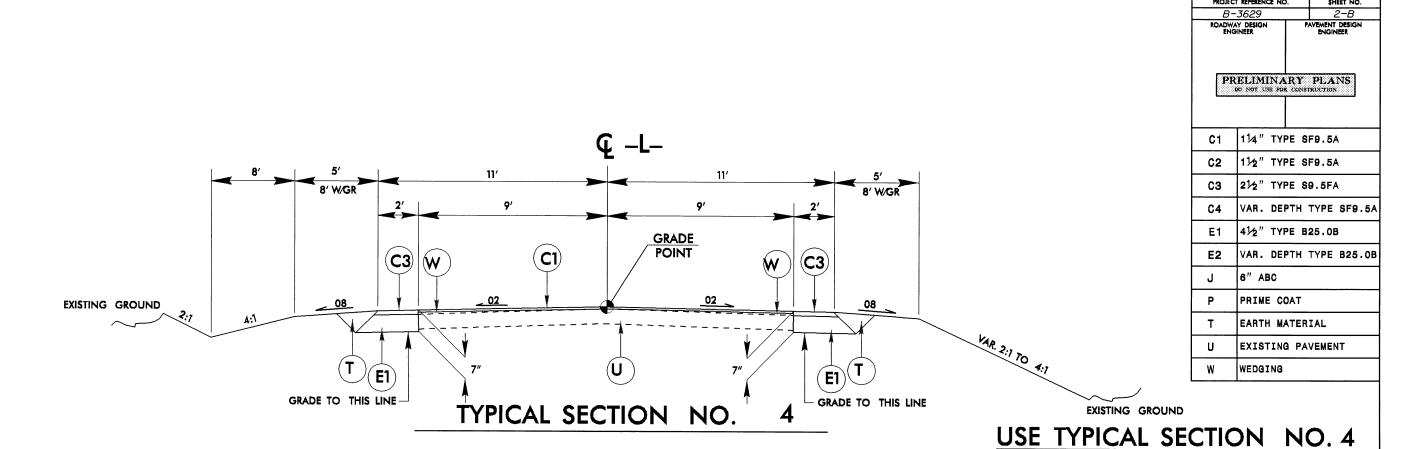
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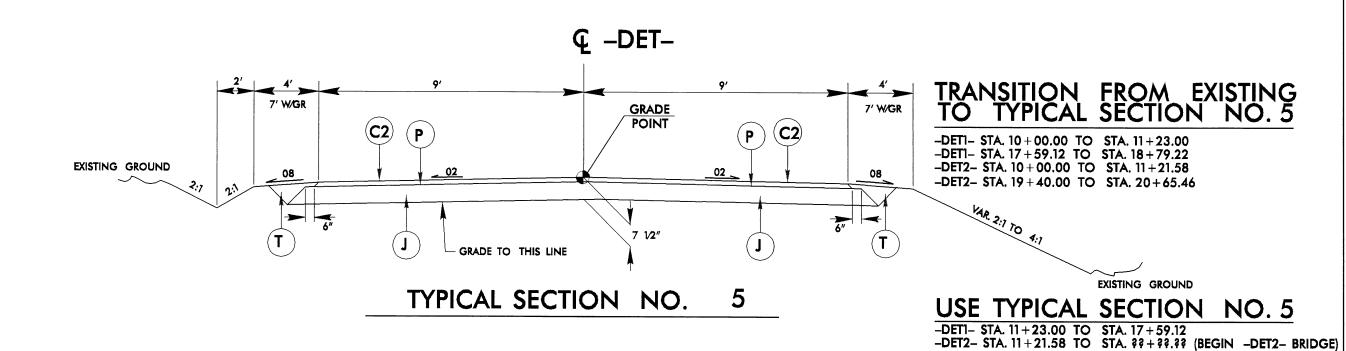
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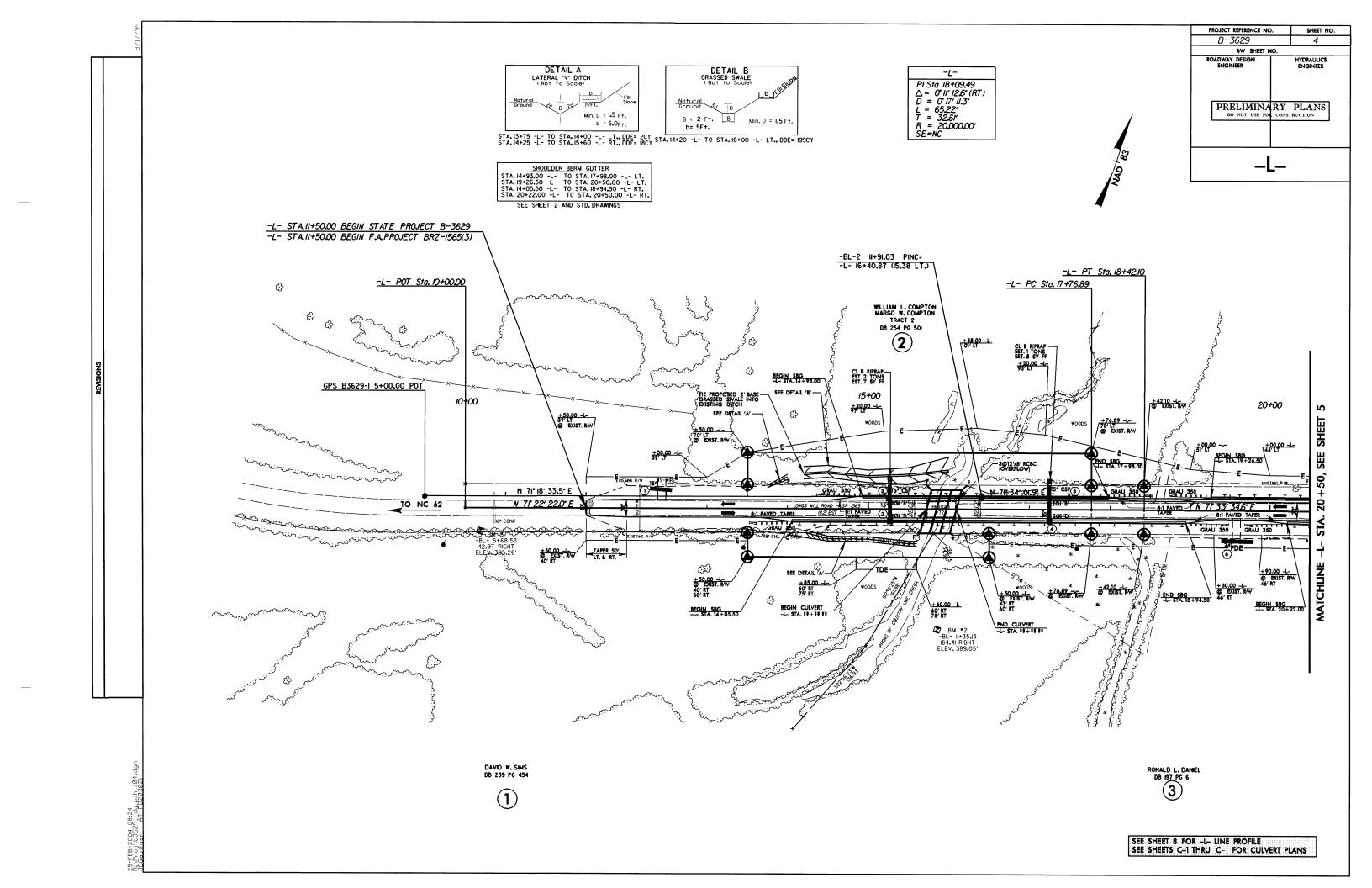
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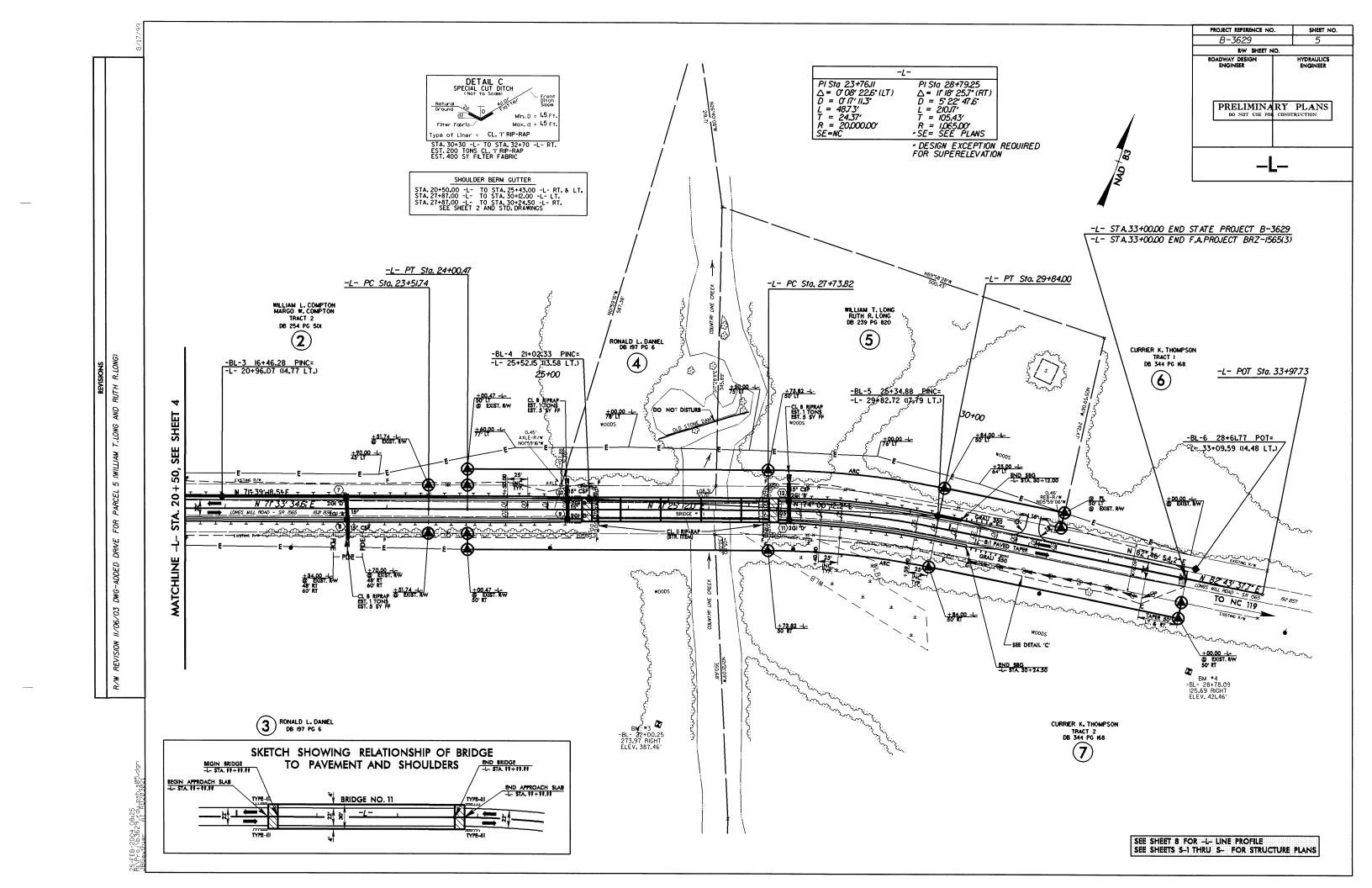
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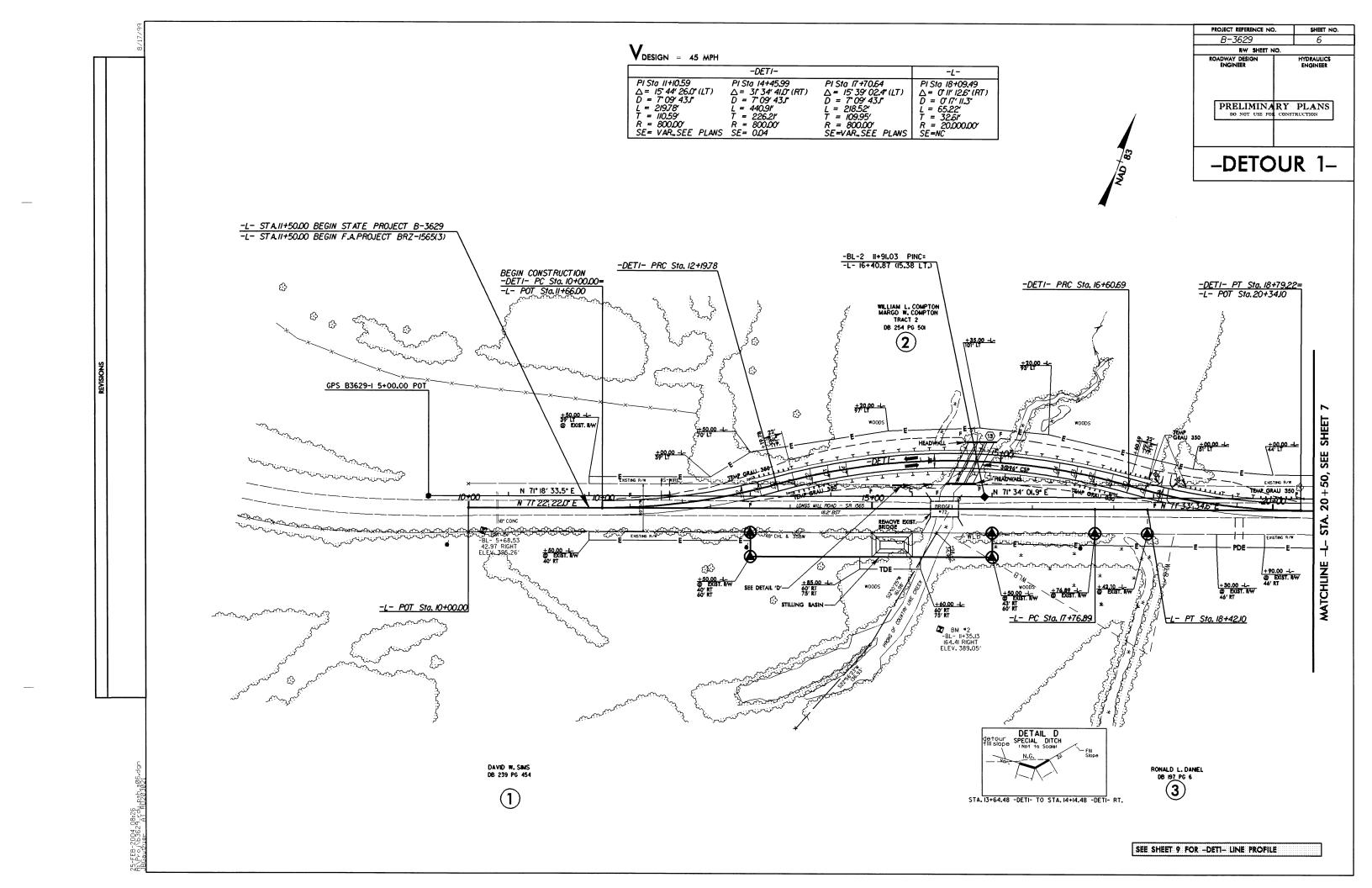
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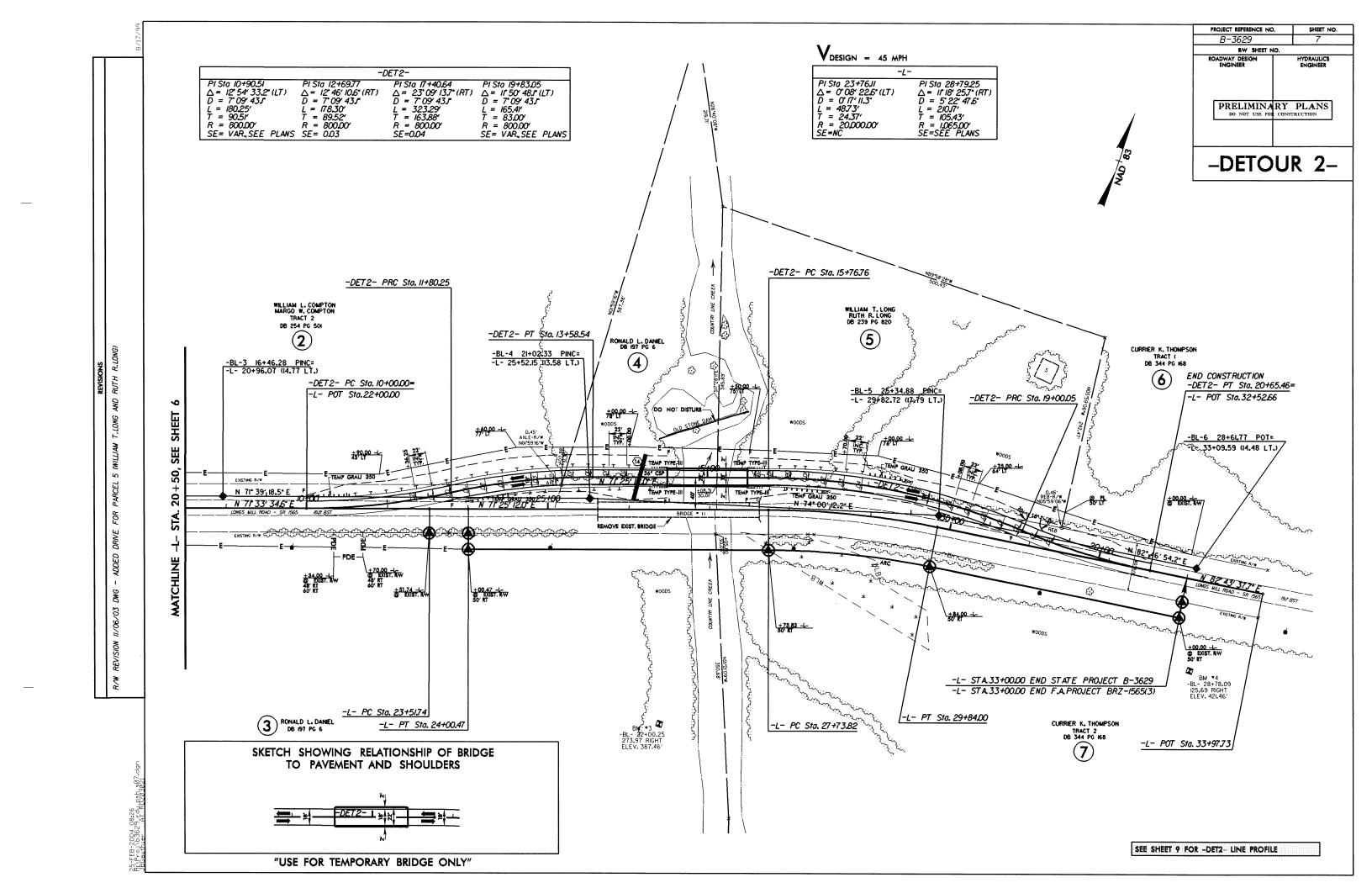


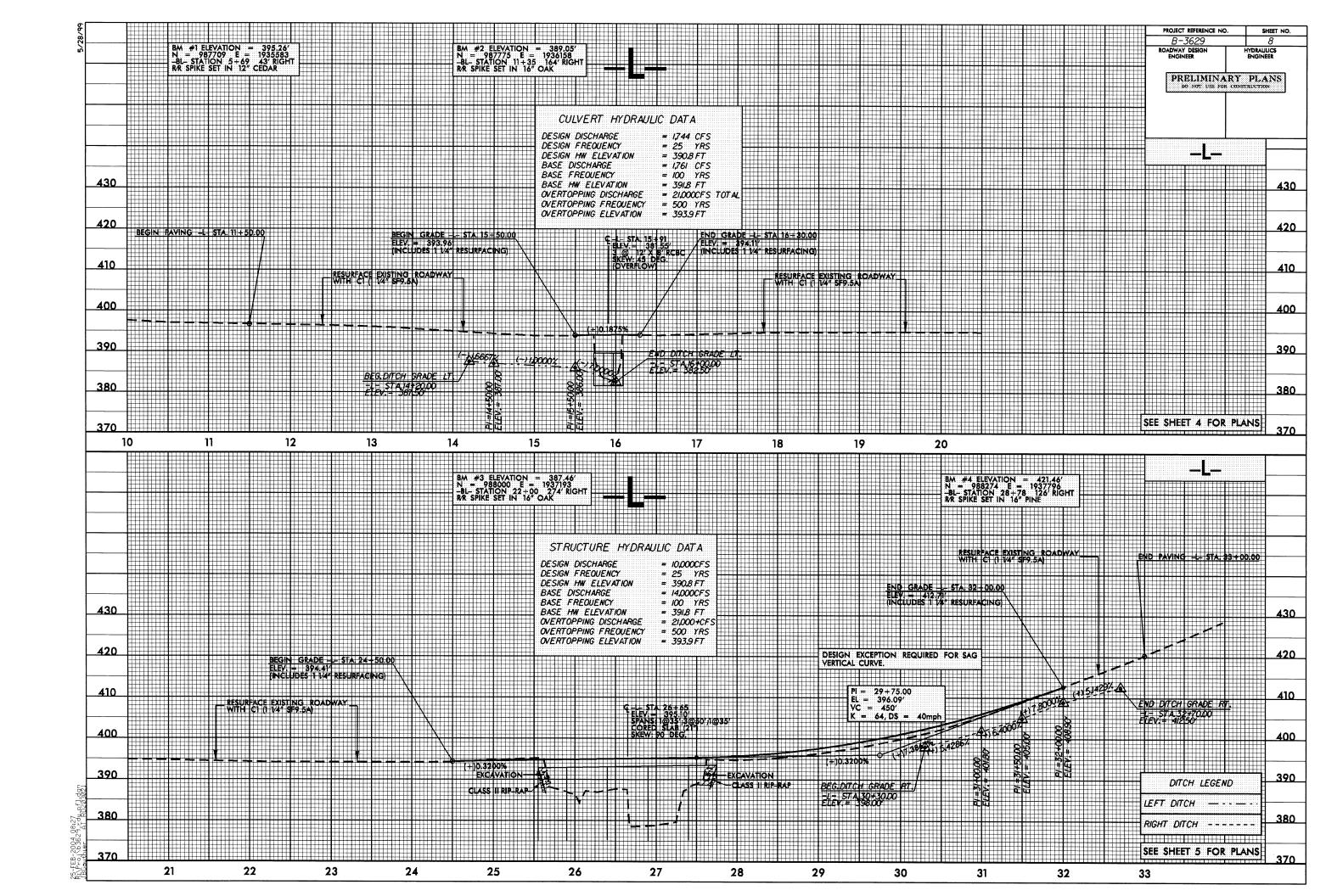
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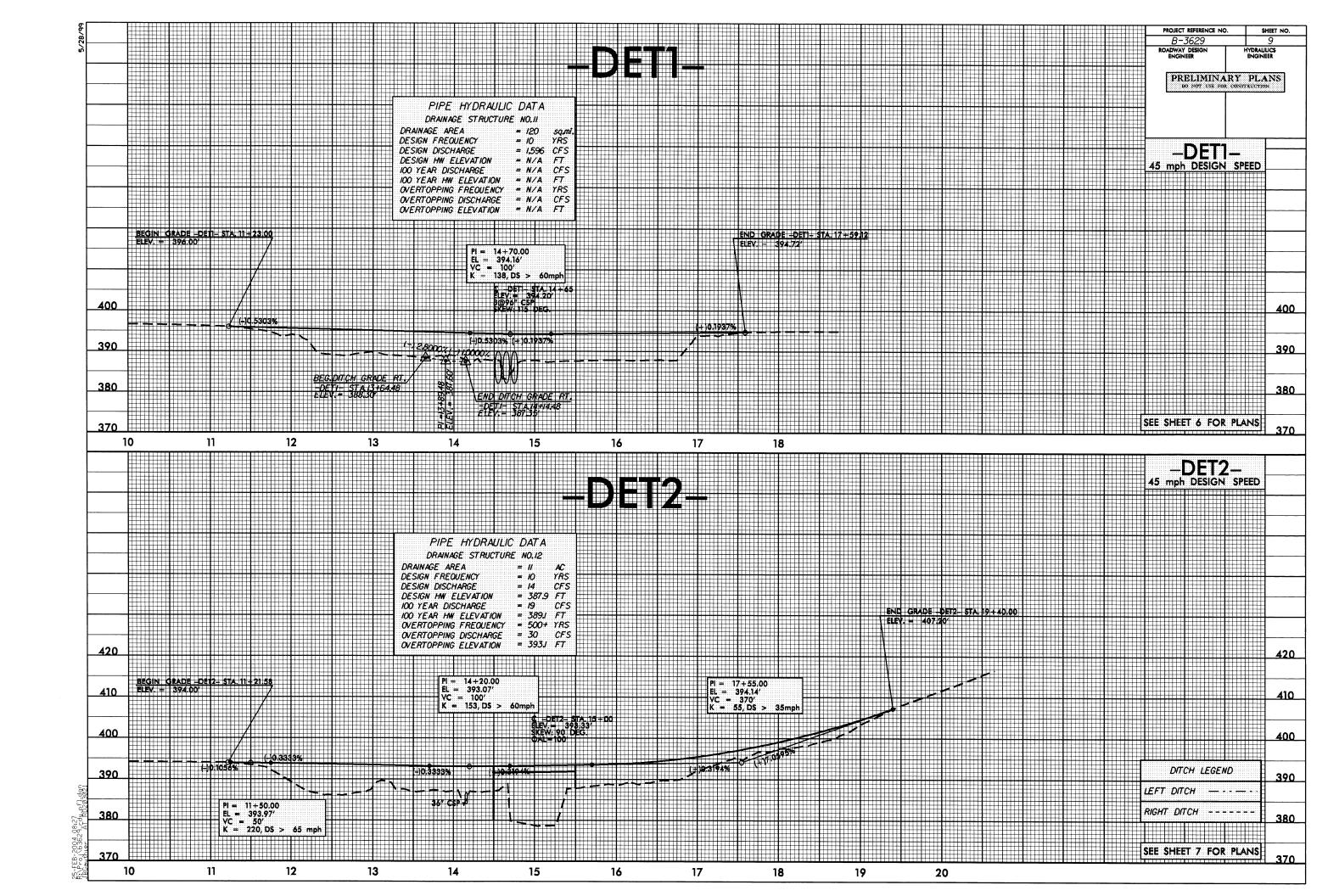


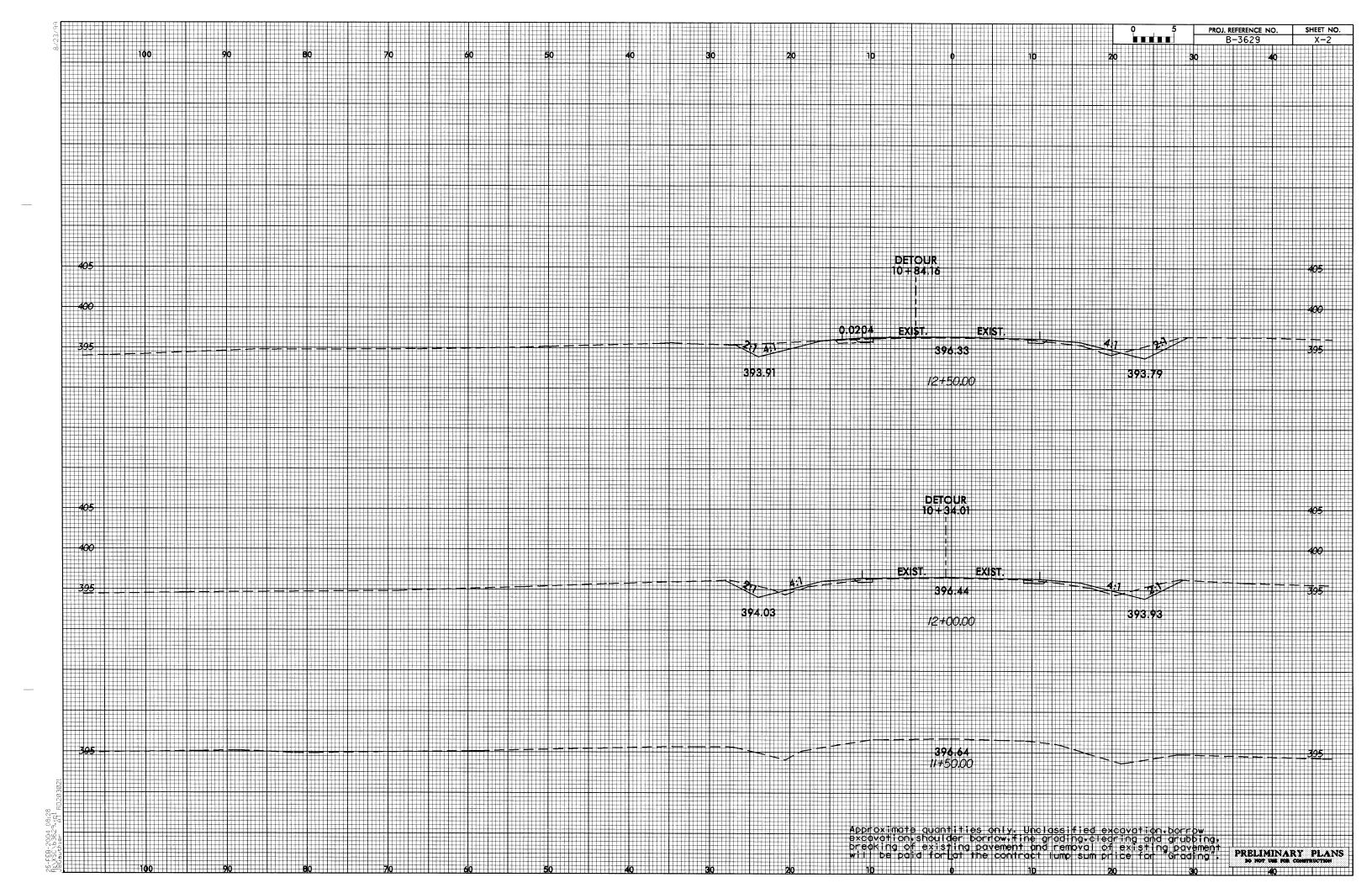


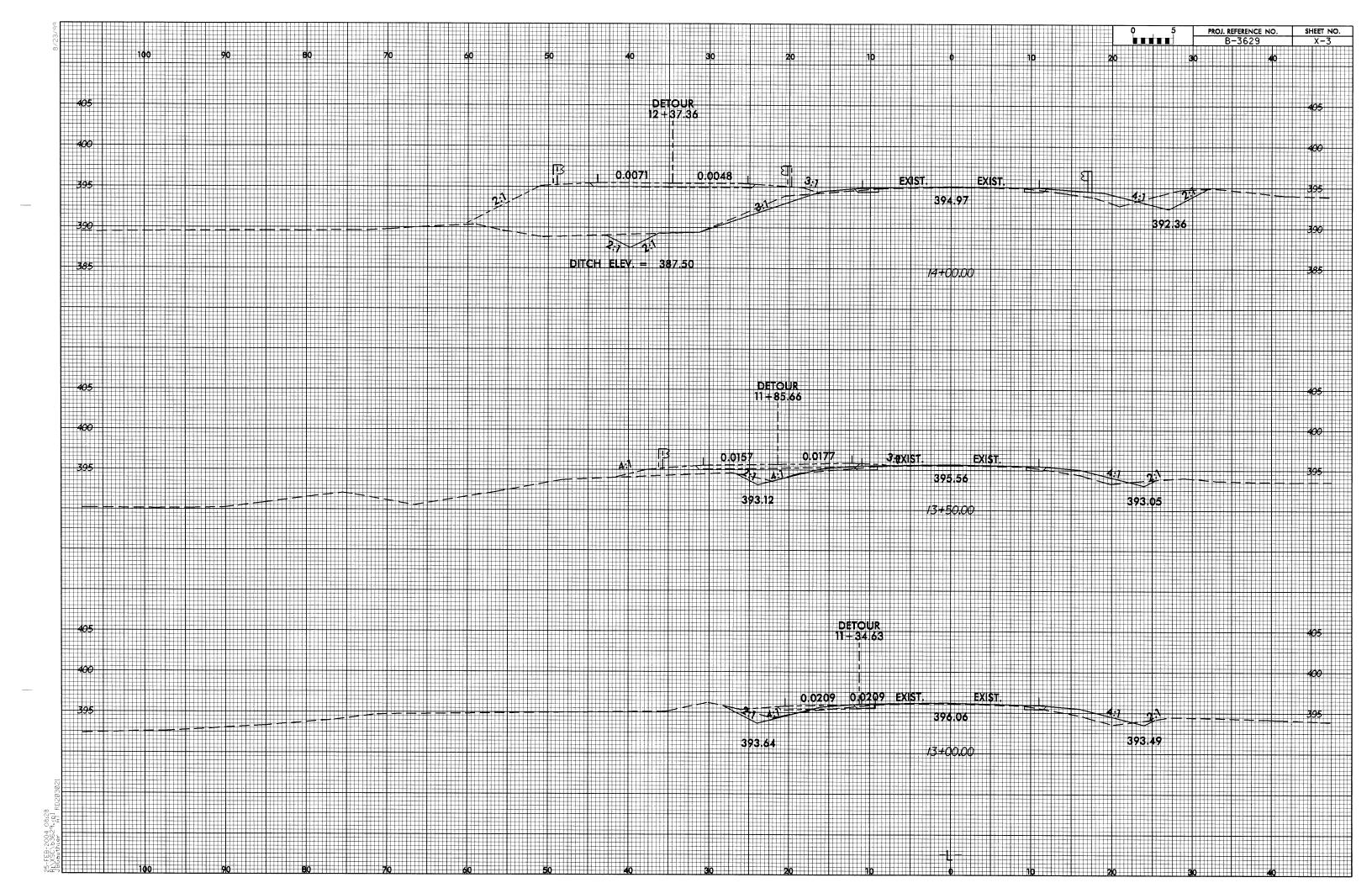


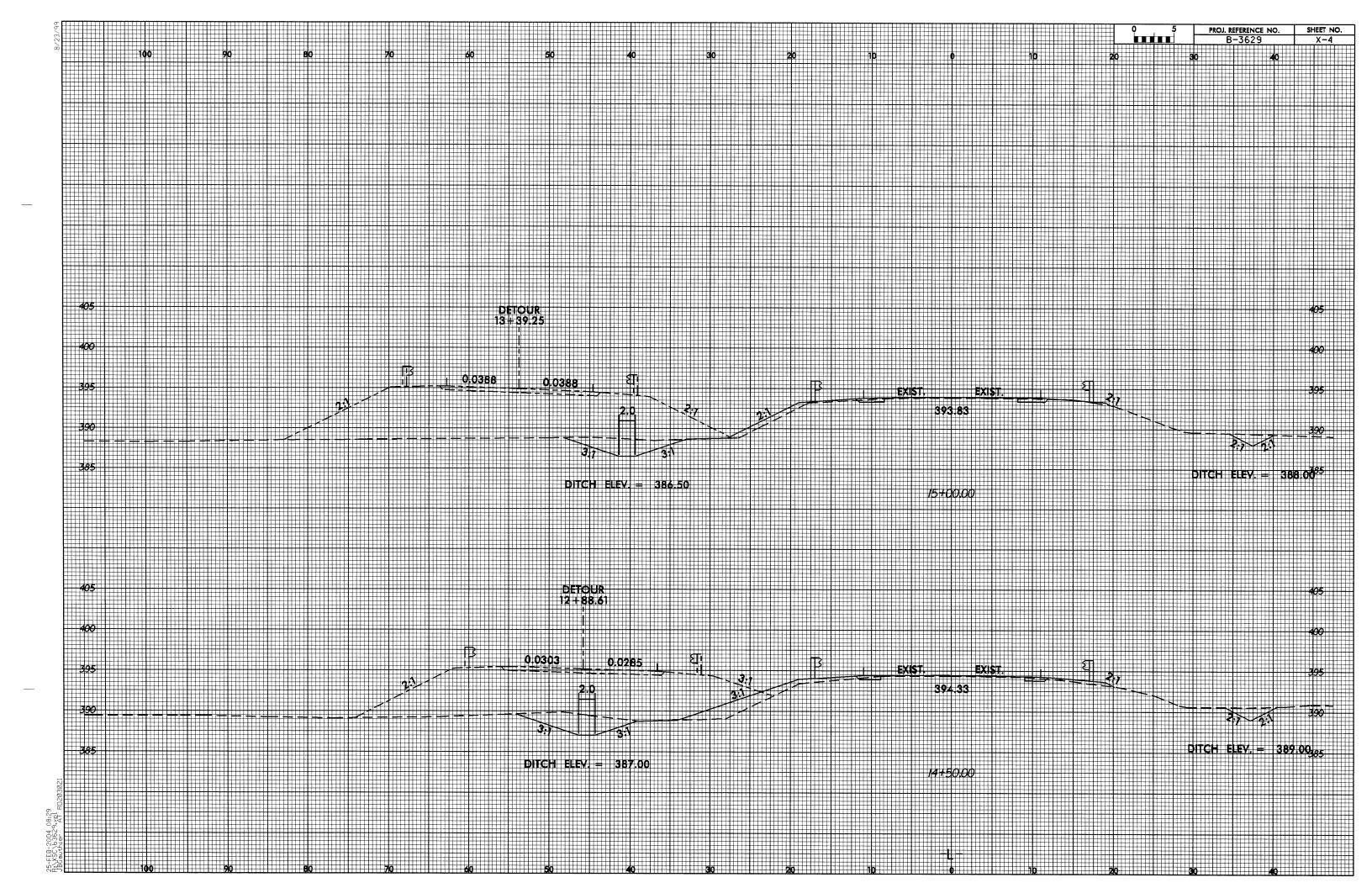


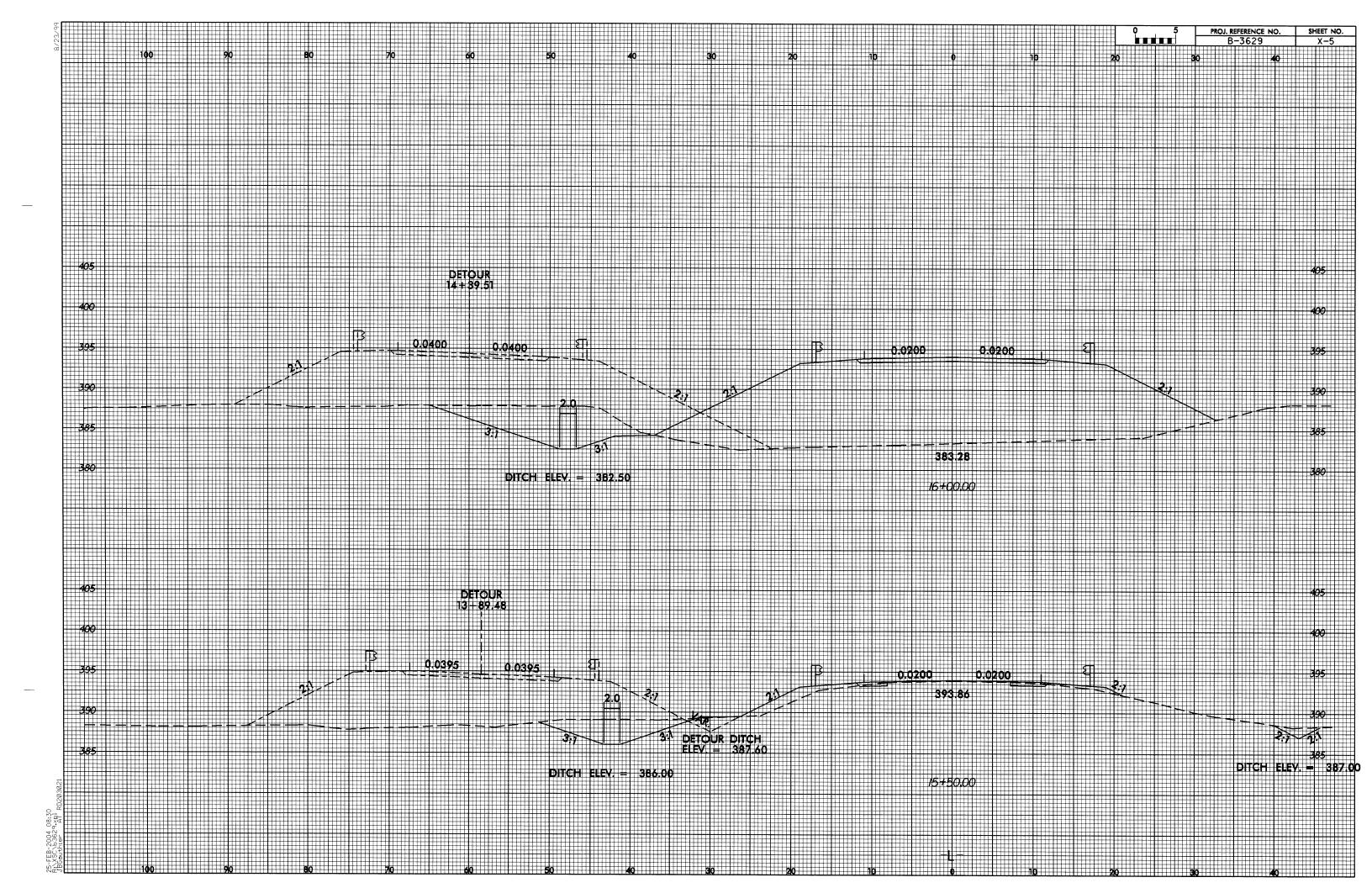


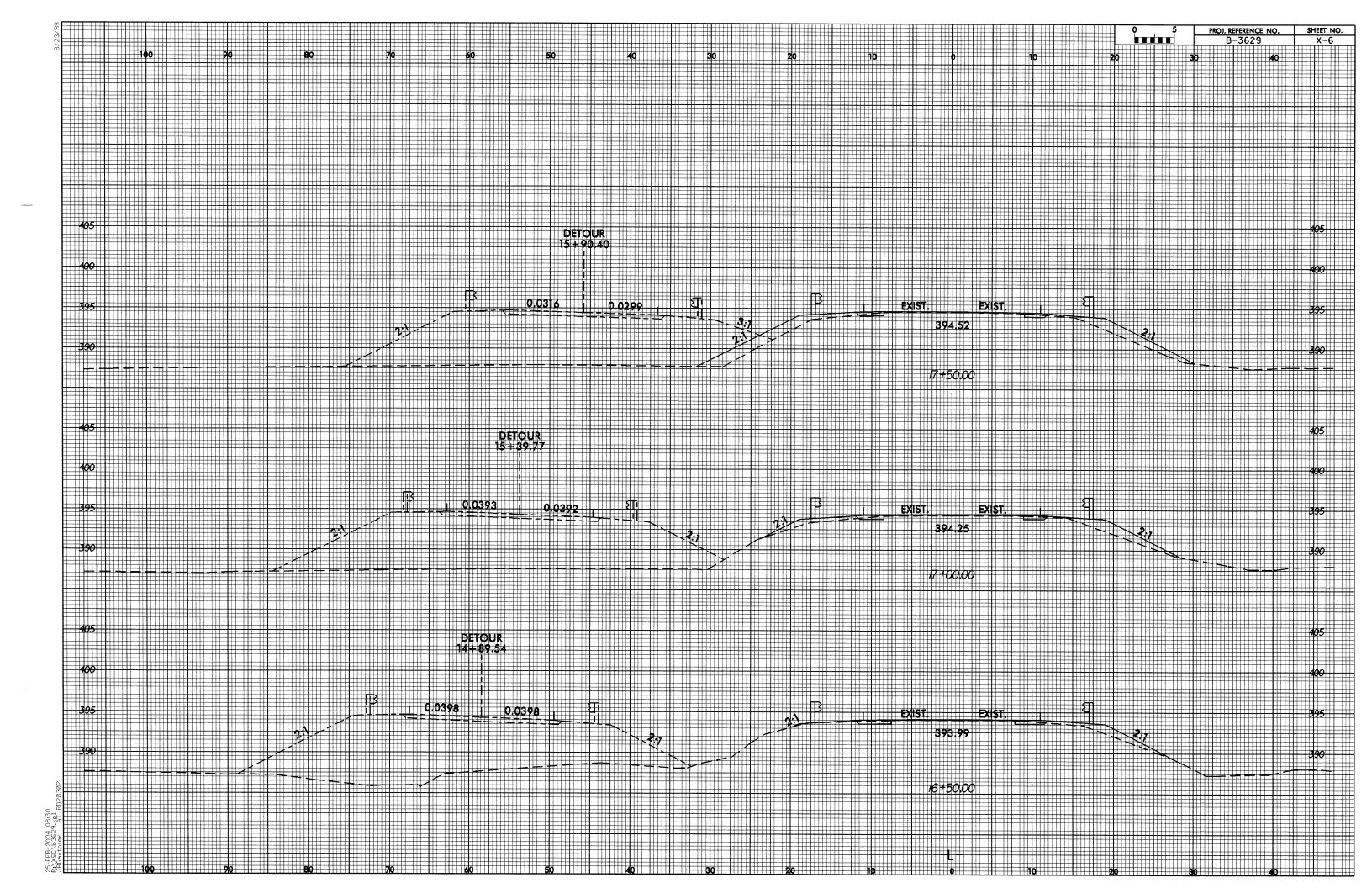


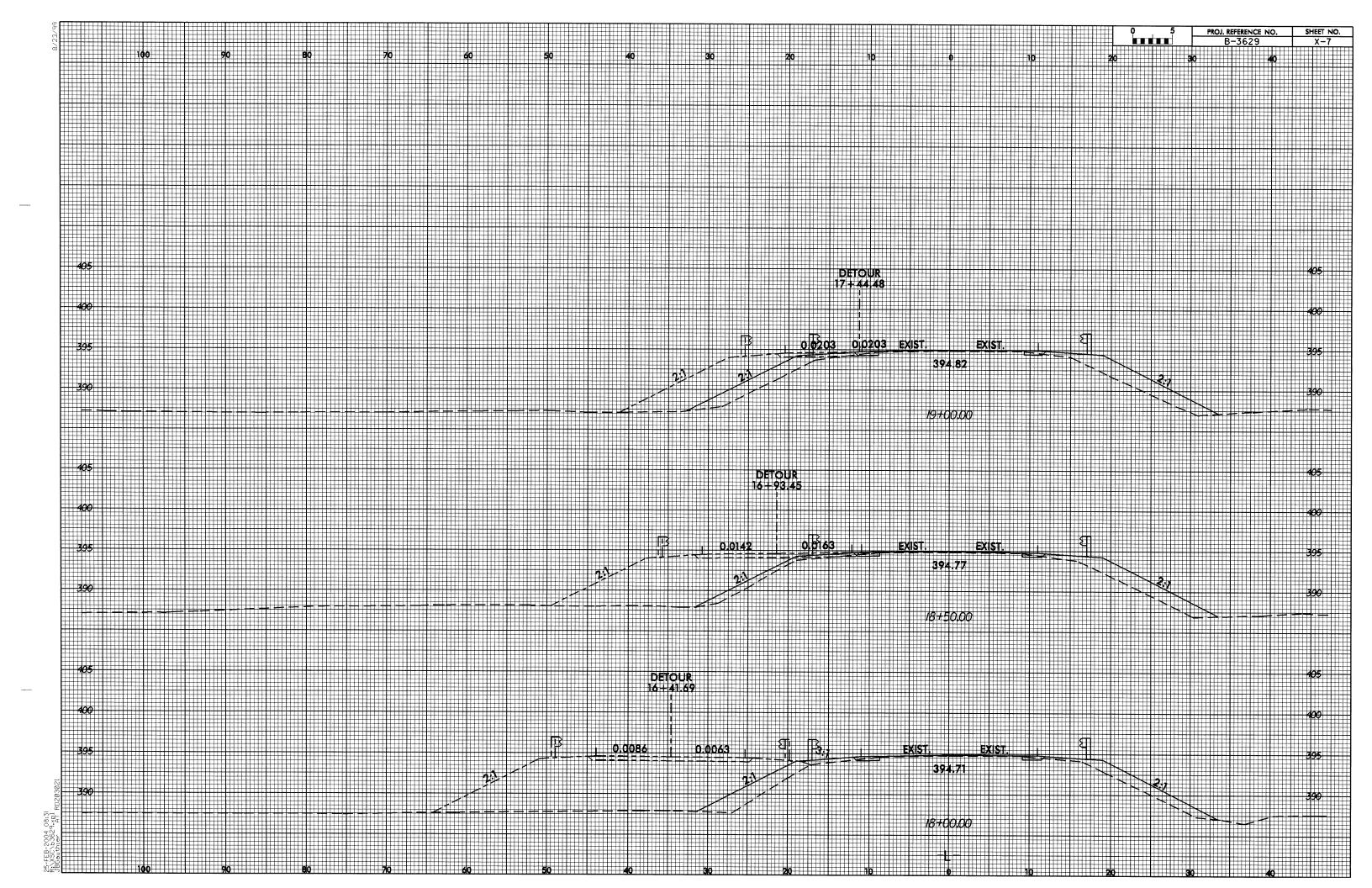


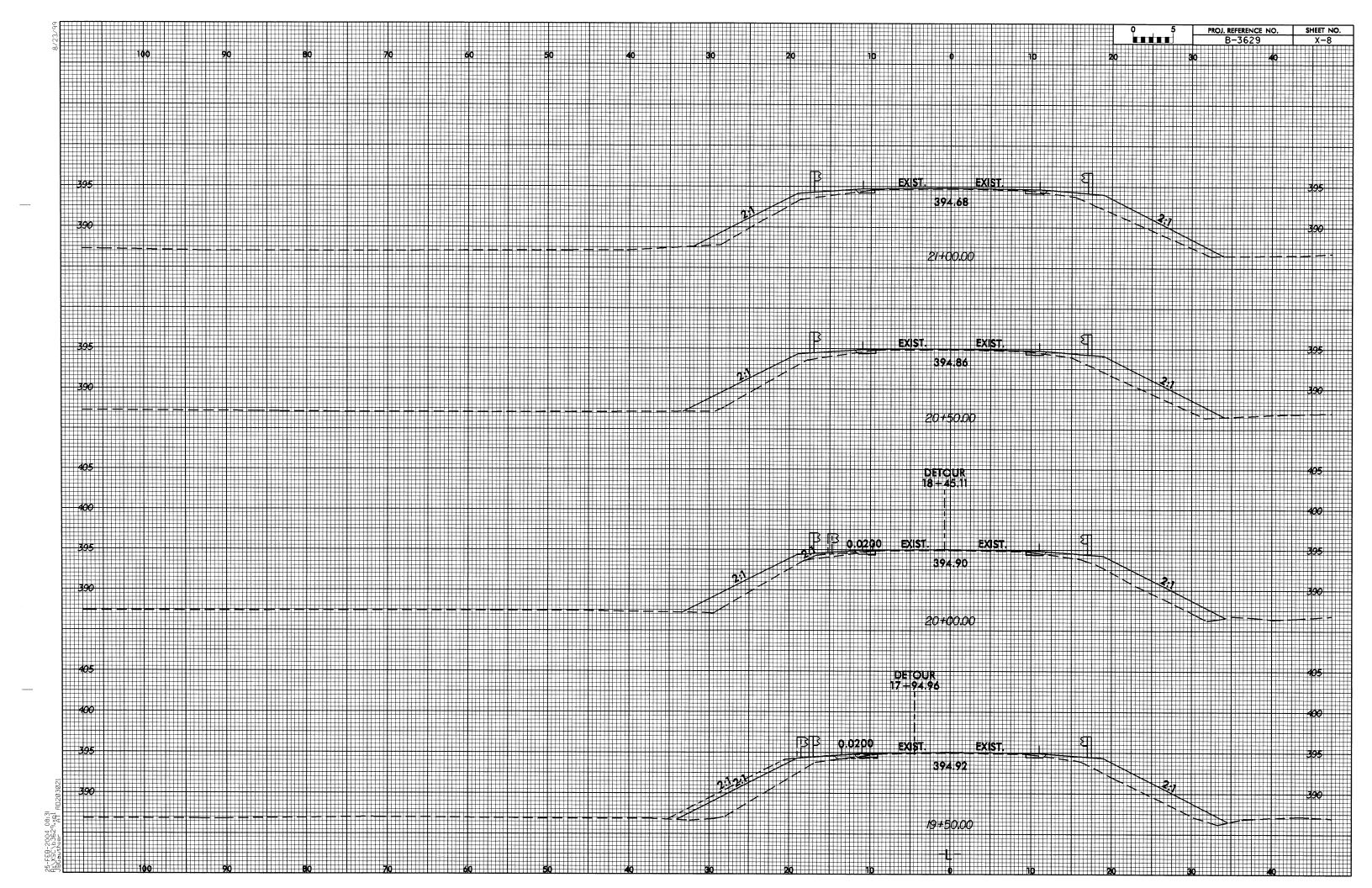


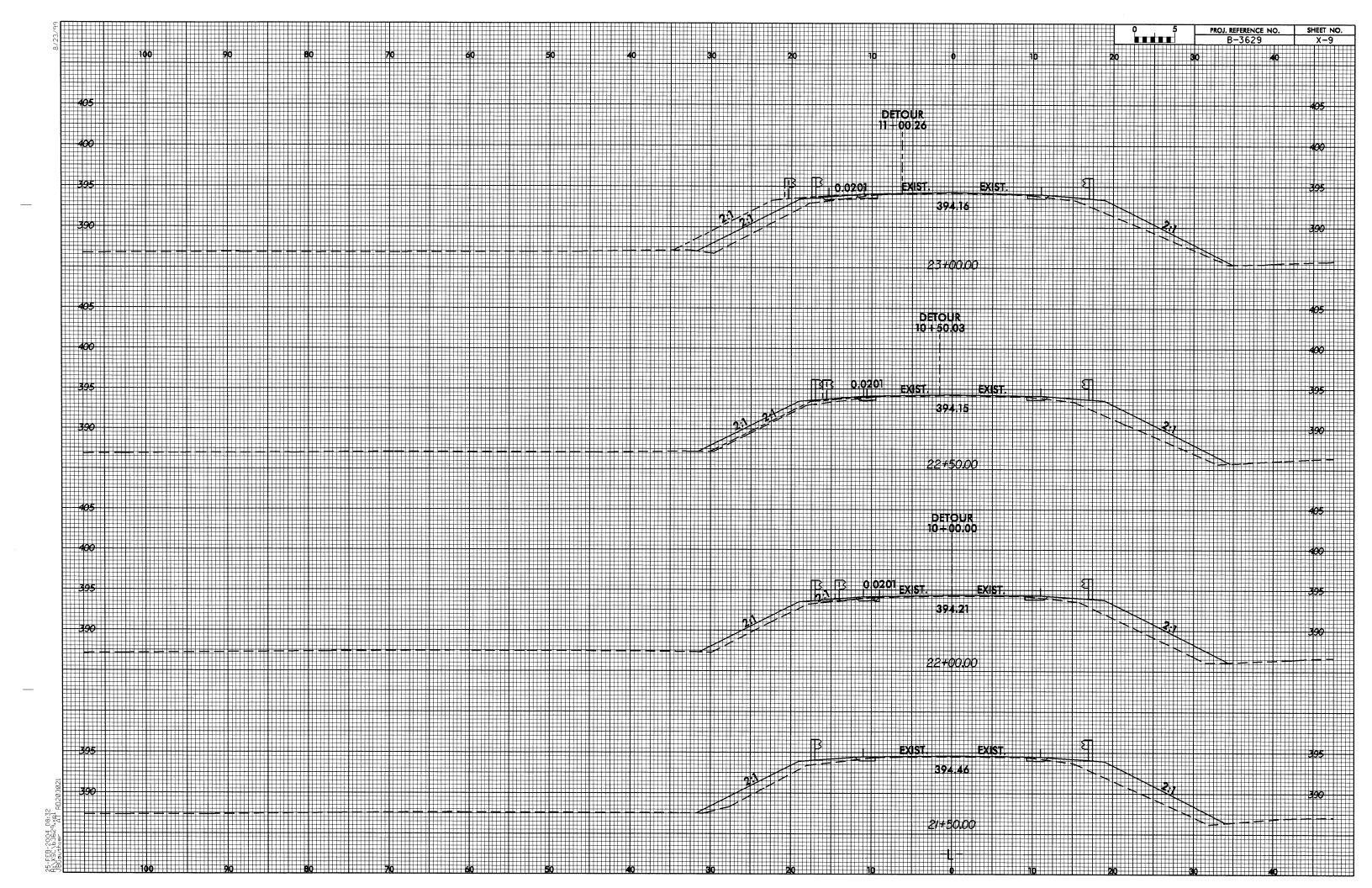


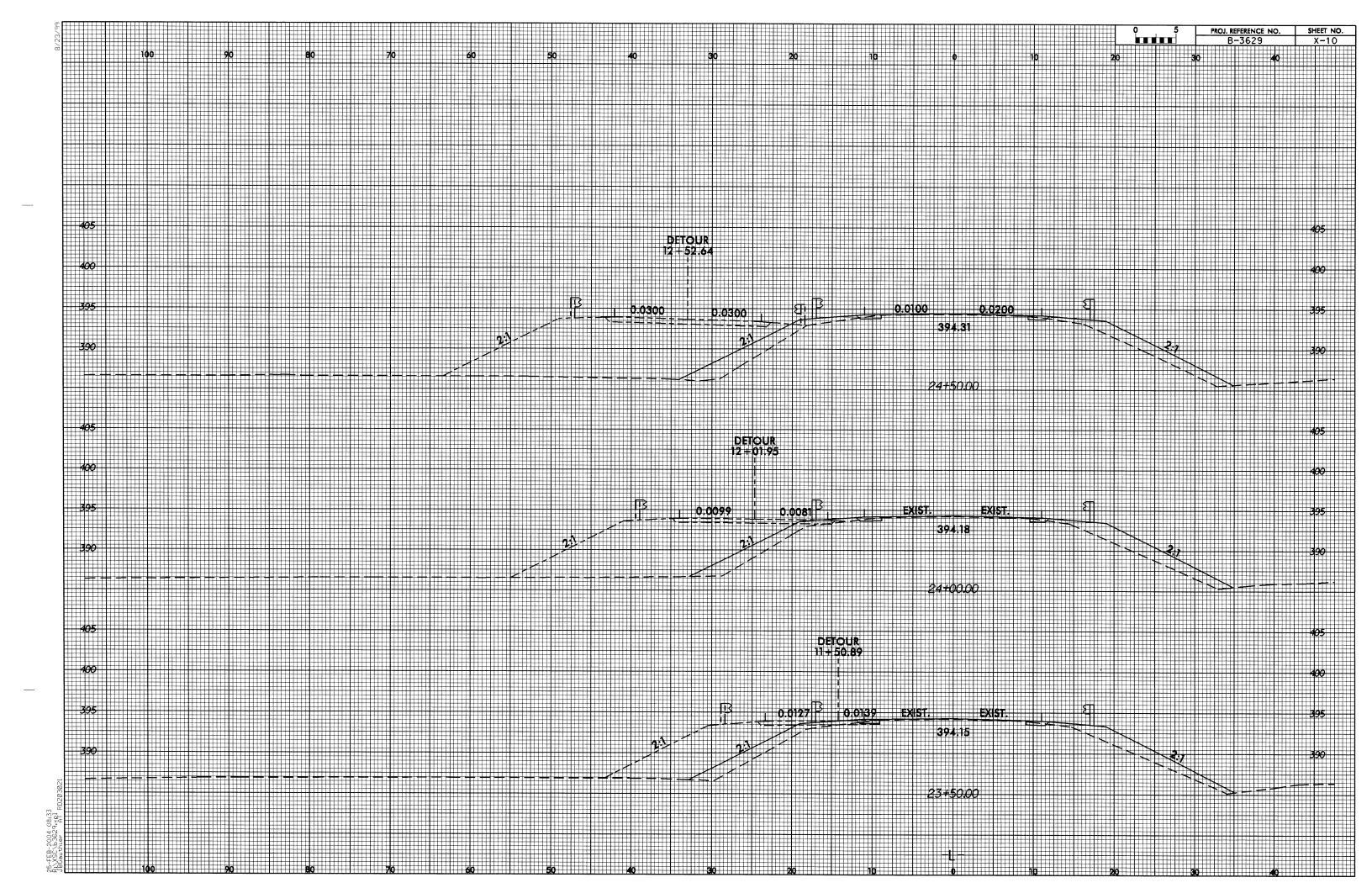


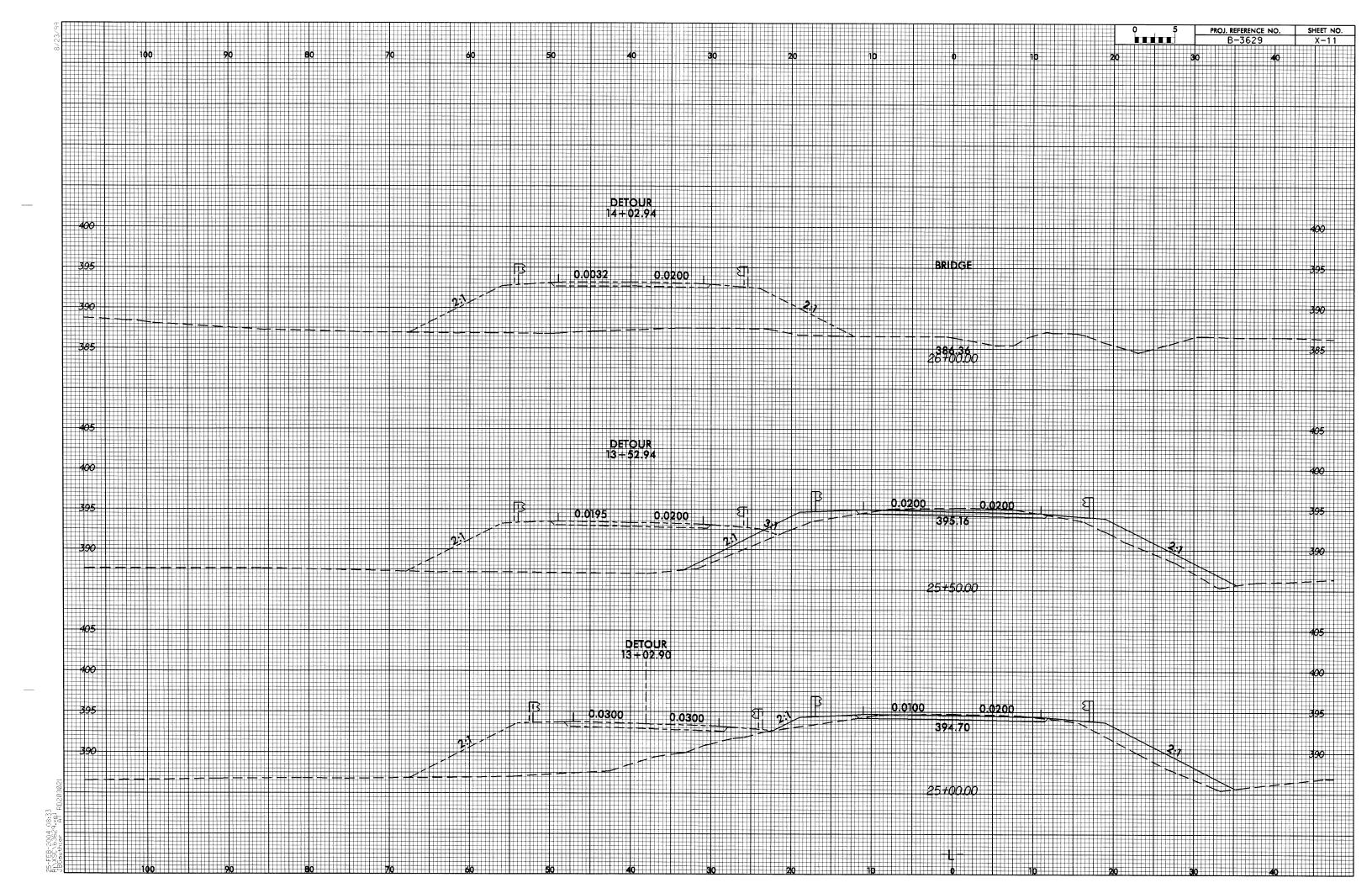


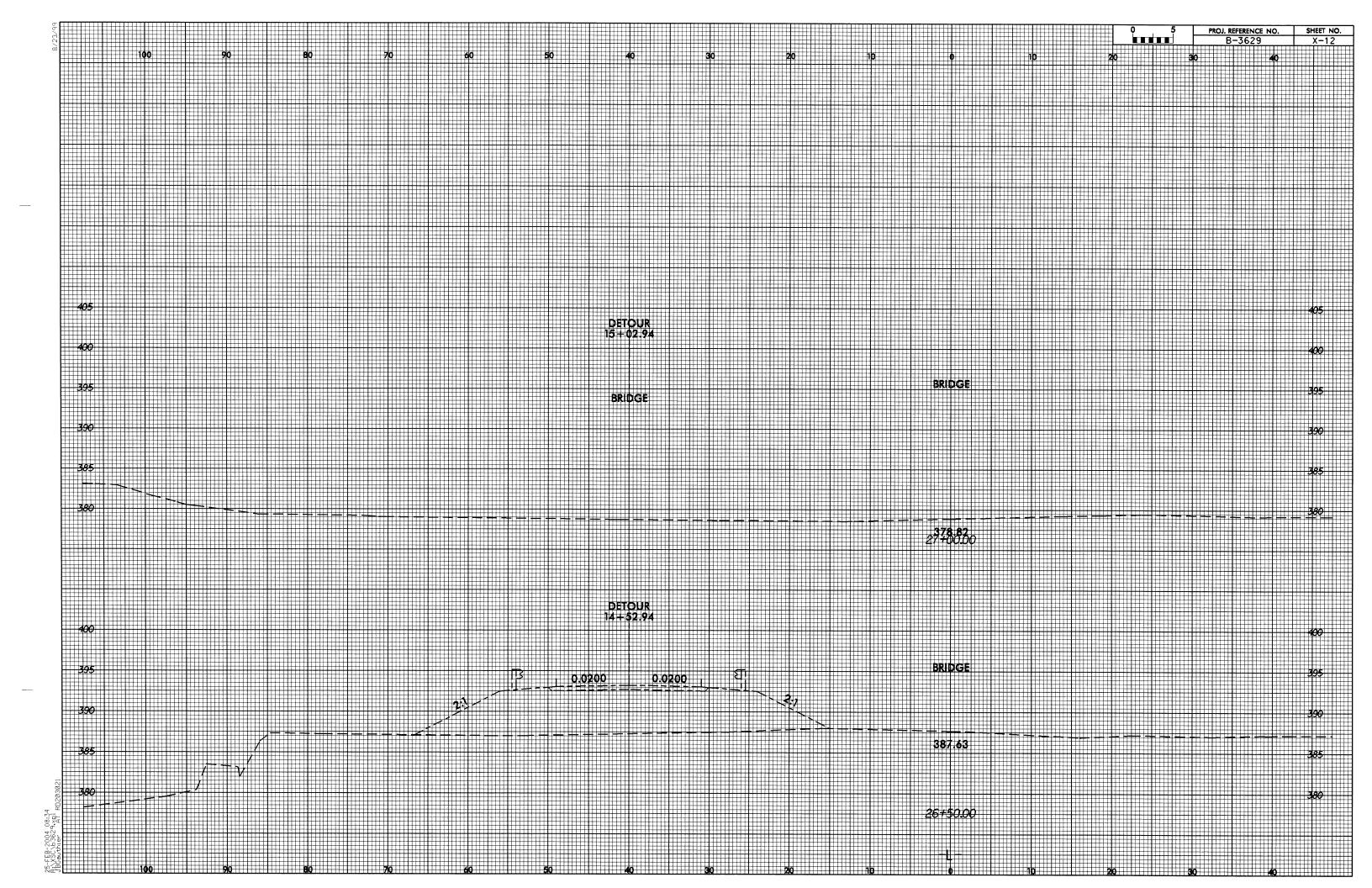


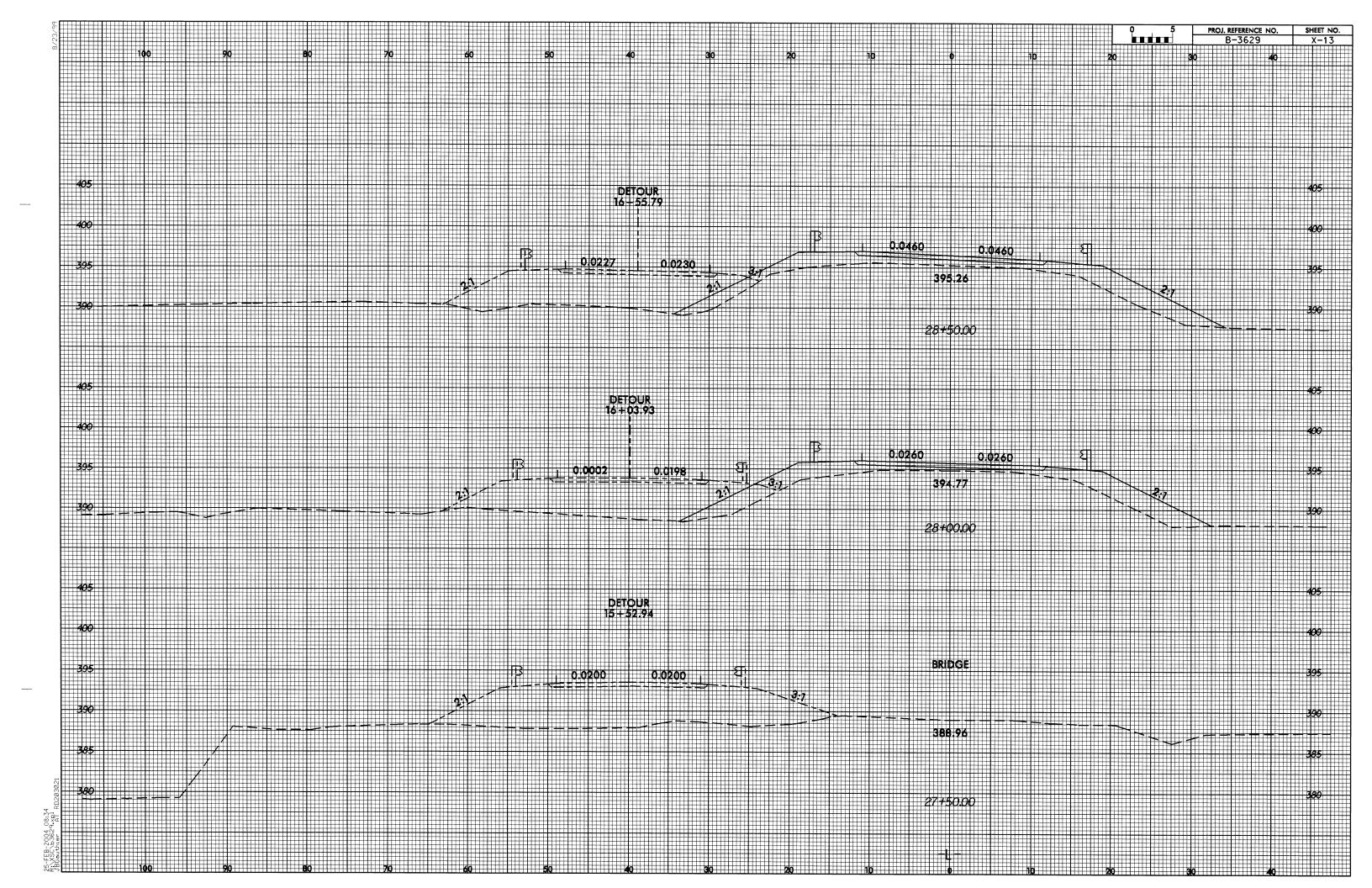


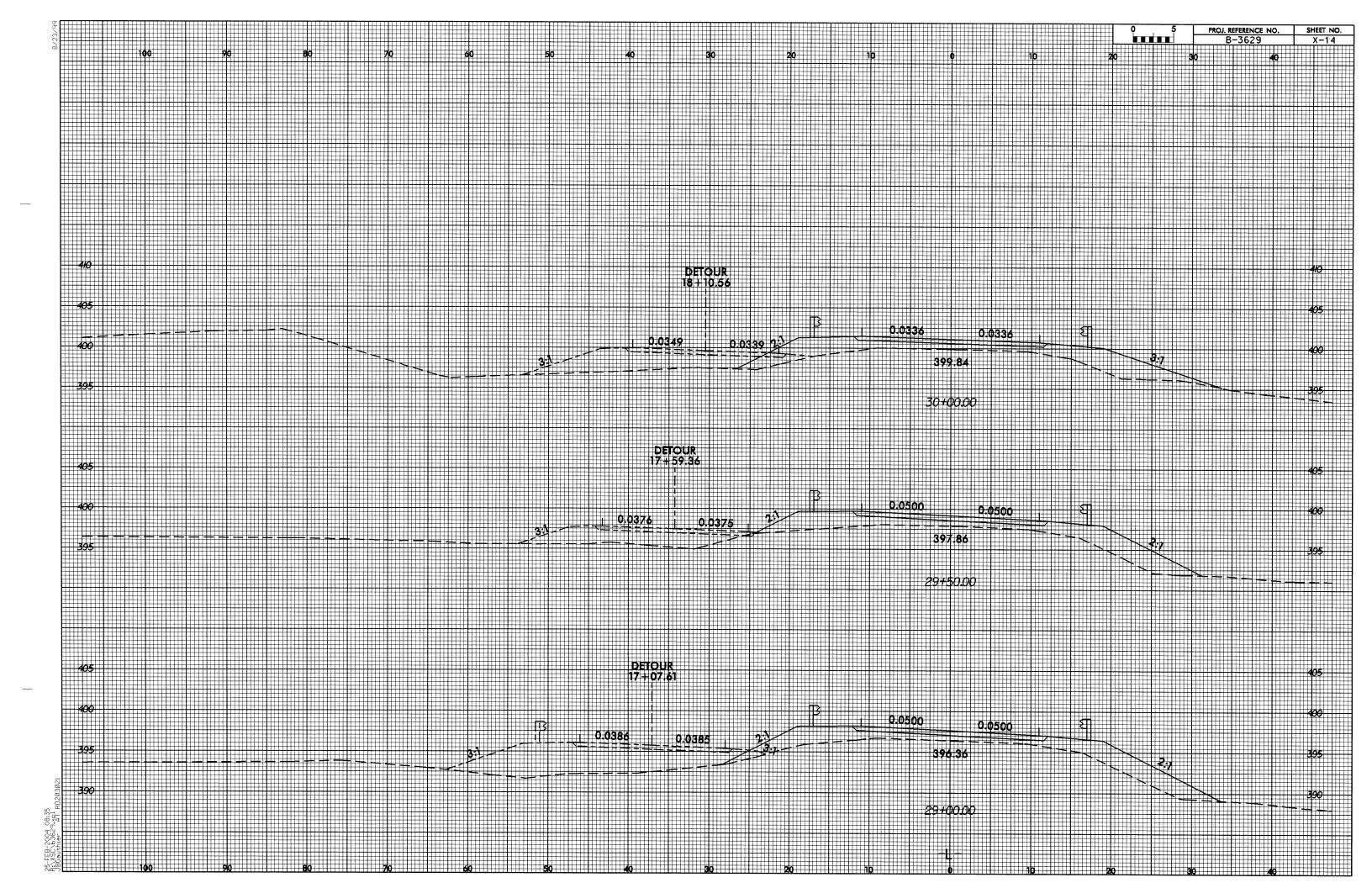


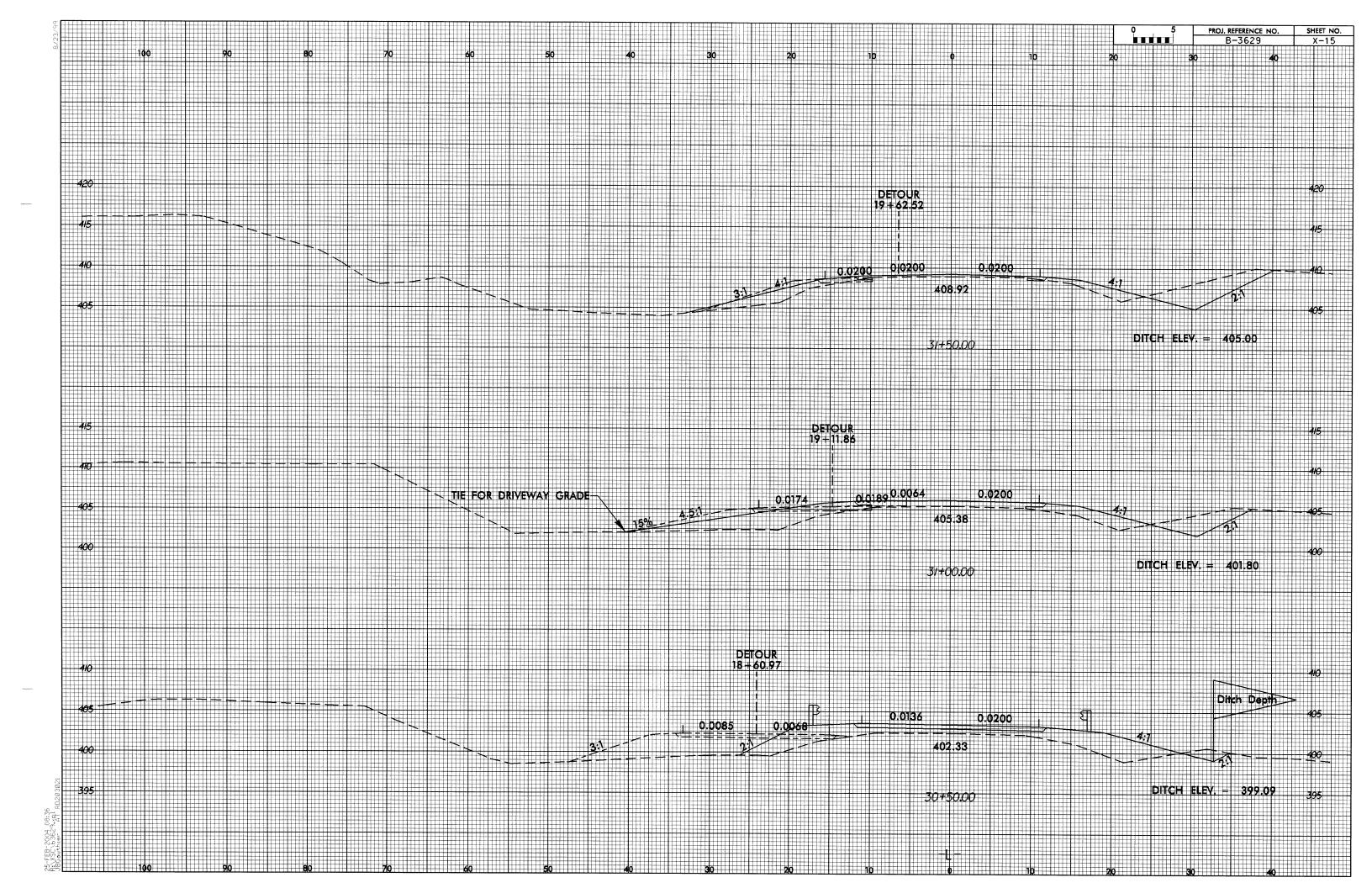


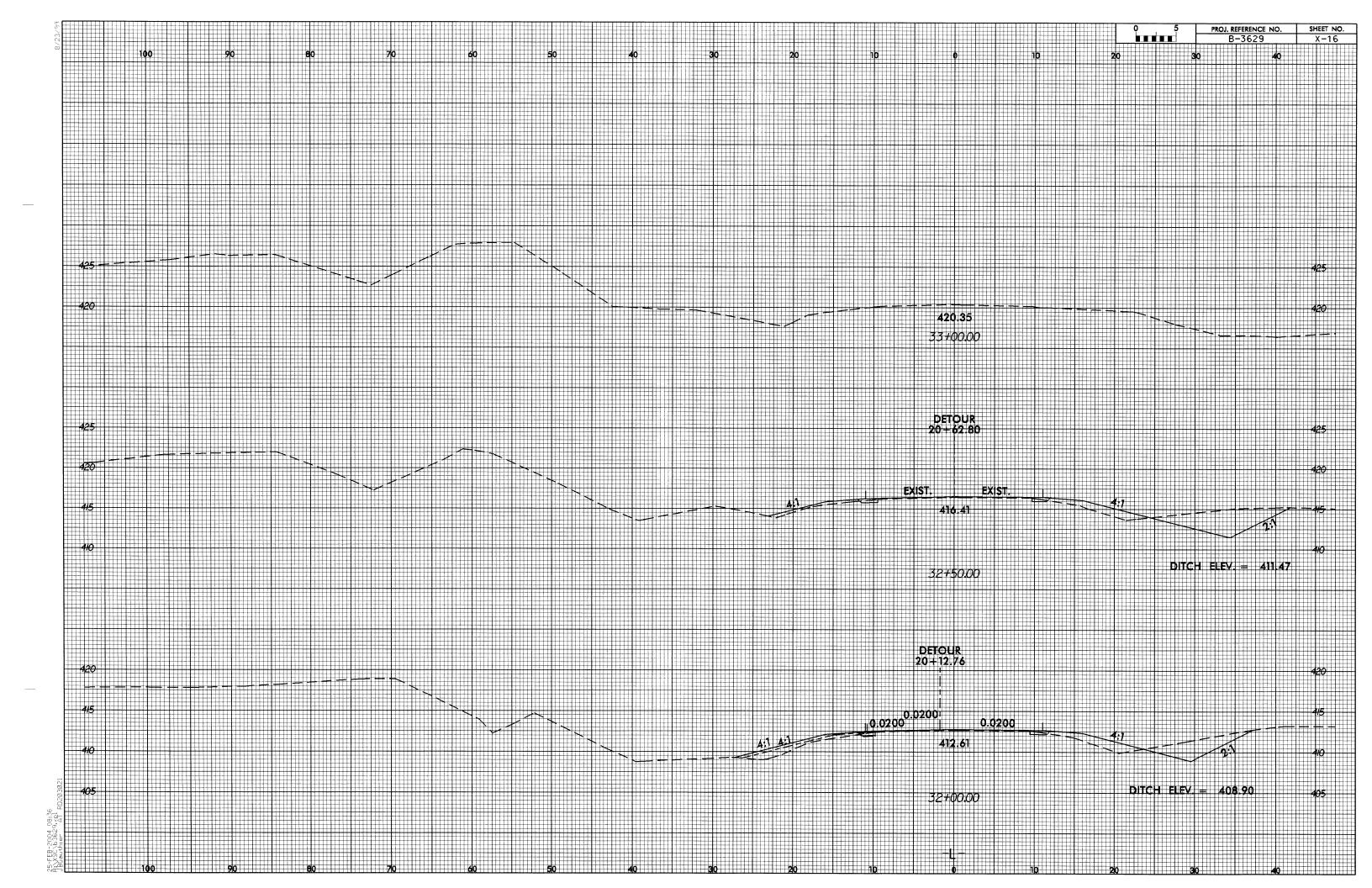












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Over Country Line Creek
Federal Project BRZ-1565(3)
State Project 8.2481401
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PROJECT COMMITMENTS

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Commitments Developed Through Project Development and Design

Division 7 Construction, Roadside Environmental Unit, Structure Design Unit
Bridge Demolition: Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition & Removal will
be implemented. Bridge No. 11 is constructed entirely of timber and steel. Therefore,
Bridge No. 11 will be removed without dropping any component into Waters of the United
States. Bridge No. 72 is constructed entirely of timber. Therefore, Bridge No. 72 will be
removed without dropping any component into Waters of the United States.

Roadway Design Unit, Roadside Environmental Unit, Division 7 Construction

Once construction of the new bridges and approaches are complete, the temporary structures will be removed. The temporary approach fill will be removed to natural grade and the area will be re-vegetated with appropriate plant species.

Division 7 Construction, Roadside Environmental Unit, Hydraulics UnitDue to the potential sedimentation concerns resulting from demolition of the bridges, where it is possible to do so, turbidity curtains will be used to minimize sedimentation in the stream.

Project Development & Environmental Analysis (Natural Resource Specialist)
Wetland impacts will most likely exceed 0.10 acre (0.04 hectares). As a result, this may require mitigation. The final decision will be made by the US Army Corps of Engineers during the permitting phase of the project.

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INTRODUCTION: Bridge No.'s 11 and 72 are included in the 2002-2008 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Improvement Program and in the Federal-Aid Bridge Replacement Program. The location is shown in Figure 1. No substantial environmental impacts are anticipated. The project is classified as a Federal "Categorical Exclusion".

I. PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT

Bridge Maintenance Unit records indicate Bridge No.'s 11 and 72 have sufficiency ratings of 16.6 and 16.8, respectively, out of a possible 100 for a new structure. These bridges are considered to be both functionally obsolete and structurally deficient. The replacement of these inadequate structures will result in safer traffic operations.

II. EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project is located in Caswell County, northeast of Yanceyville, close to the intersection of NC 119 and SR 1564 (see Figure 1). Development in the area is primarily residential and agricultural in nature.

SR 1565 is classified as a Rural Local Route in the Statewide Functional Classification System and it is a Federal-Aid Highway. This route is not a designated bicycle route and there is no indication that an unusual number of bicyclists use this roadway.

In the vicinity of the bridges, SR 1565 has an 18-foot (5.4-meter) pavement width with 4-foot (1.2-meter) grass shoulders (see Figure 3A and 3B). The roadway grade is in a slight sag vertical curve through the project area. The existing bridges are on a tangent.

Bridge No. 11:

The existing Bridge No.11 is an 8-span structure constructed in 1953. The superstructure has a timber deck on steel girders with an asphalt wearing surface. The substructure consists of timber piles with timber caps. The bridge is 201 feet (61.3 meters) long with a clear roadway width of 17.1 feet (5.2 meters). There is approximately 20 feet (6.1 meters) between the deck surface and streambed. There are two lanes of traffic on the bridge. Presently the bridge is posted with weight restrictions of 6 tons for single vehicles and 6 tons for truck-tractor semi-trailers.

Bridge No. 72:

The existing Bridge No.72 is a 2-span structure constructed in 1953. The superstructure has a timber deck on timber joists with an asphalt wearing surface. The substructure consists entirely of timber and steel. The bridge is 36 feet (11 meters) long with a clear roadway width of 15.9 feet (4.8 meters). There is approximately 11 feet (3.3 meters) between the deck surface and streambed. There is one lane of traffic on the bridge. Presently the bridge is posted with weight restrictions of 9 tons for single vehicles and 16 tons for truck-tractor semi-trailers.

Carolina Power and Light has aerial single-phase electrical service running along the south side of SR 1565. Utility impacts are considered to be low. There is a rock dam approximately 75 feet (23 meters) north of Bridge No. 11.

The current traffic volume of 400 vehicles per day (VPD) is expected to increase to 700 VPD by the year 2025. The projected volume includes 1% truck-tractor semi-trailer (TTST) and 2% dual-tired vehicles (DT). The speed limit in the vicinity of the bridge is 55 mph (90 kmh).

There were no accidents reported in the vicinity of the project during a recent three year period.

According to the Transportation Director for Caswell County Schools, rerouting the school buses will have some impact on their efficiency rating, but can be handled without a great deal of expense. There are four school bus crossings per day over Bridge No.'s 11 and 72.

III. ALTERNATIVES

A. Project Description

The replacement structure for Bridge No. 11 will consist of a 220-foot (67.1-meter) long bridge and will be of sufficient width to provide for two 11-foot (3.3-meter) lanes with 3-foot (1-meter) offsets on each side. The replacement structure for Bridge No. 72 will consist of a triple barrel, 12-foot (3.6-meter) wide by 8-foot (2.4-meter) high reinforced concrete box culvert. This replacement structure will be of sufficient width to provide for two 11-foot (3.3-meter) lanes with 5-foot (1.5-meter) offsets to the proposed guardrail.

The roadway grade of the new structures will be approximately the same as the existing grade at their respective locations.

The existing roadway will be widened to a 22-foot (6.6-meter) pavement width to provide two 11-foot (3.3-meter) lanes. Shoulder widths will be 5 feet (1.5 meters) on each side. The shoulder widths will be increased 3 feet (1 meter) where guardrail is warranted.

B. Reasonable and Feasible Alternatives

The three alternatives that were studied for replacing Bridge No.'s 11 and 72 are described below.

All alternatives will replace Bridge No. 11 with a new 220 foot (67.1 meter) long bridge and Bridge No. 72 with a triple 12' x 8' (3.6 meter by 2.4 meter) reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) at approximately the same roadway elevation as the existing bridges.

- Alternate 1A: Both bridges will be replaced at approximately the same location as the existing bridges. Traffic will be maintained using temporary, one-lane on-site detours to the north during construction. Temporary traffic signals will be installed at each end of the bridges during construction.
- Alternate 1B: (Recommended) Both bridges will be replaced at approximately the same location as the existing bridges. Traffic would be maintained using a temporary, two-lane on-site detour located to the north of the existing bridges during construction.
- Alternate 2: Realign SR 1565 to the north of the existing roadway. Traffic would be maintained using the existing alignment during construction.

C. Alternatives Eliminated From Further Consideration

An off-site detour is not considered to be prudent due to the lack of a suitable detour route.

The "do-nothing" alternative is not practical and will eventually necessitate closure of the bridge. This is not acceptable due to the traffic service provided by SR 1565.

"Rehabilitation" of the existing deteriorating bridge is neither practical nor economical. This is due to the fact that major structural components of these bridges are timber, thus replacement is more prudent than rehabilitation.

D. Recommended Alternate

As recommended in Alternate 1B, Bridge No. 11 will be replaced with a new bridge at approximately the same location and roadway elevation as the existing bridge. The new Bridge No. 11 will be approximately 220 feet (67.1 meters) in length and 28 feet (8.6 meters) in width. A travelway of 22 feet (6.6 meters) will be accommodated, with an offset of 3 feet (1 meter) on each side. Bridge No. 72 will be replaced with a triple 12 feet by 8 feet (3.6 meter by 2.4 meter) reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) at approximately the same location and roadway elevation of the existing structure (see Figure 2). A travelway of 22 feet (6.6 meters) will be accommodated, with an offset of 5 feet (1.5 meters) on each side. Based on preliminary design, the design speed should be approximately 55 mph (90 kmh) for the permanent improvement and 45 mph (70 kmh) for the detour.

The approach roadway will consist of two 11-foot (3.3-meter) travel lanes and shoulder widths of at least 5 feet (1.5 meters). The shoulder widths will be 3 feet (1 meter) wider where guardrail is warranted. There will be approximately 380 feet (116 meters) of approach work on each side of Bridge No. 11 and approximately 250 feet (76 meters) on each side of Bridge No. 72. The grades of the temporary bridges can be placed 2 feet (0.06 meters) lower than the existing bridges.

During construction, traffic will be shifted onto a temporary, two-lane alignment to the north (downstream) of the existing bridges. The detour bridge for Bridge No. 11 will be approximately 90 feet (27.4 meters) in length and 26 feet (8 meters) in width. The detour for Bridge No. 72 will be a single barrel 11 feet 10 inches by 7 feet 7 inches (3.6 meter by 2.3 meter) corrugated steel pipe arch. The temporary structures may be placed as much as 3 feet (1 meter) lower than the existing bridges.

The construction of the recommended alternate does not have the potential to cause substantial impacts to the local environment. Since the costs of Alternate 1A and 1B are essentially the same, Alternative 1B is recommended because it provides a safer traffic pattern for motorists.

The NCDOT Division 7 Engineer concurs with the selection of Alternative 1B as the preferred alternative.

IV. ESTIMATED COSTS (Table 1)

The estimated costs for the two alternatives are as follows:

	Recommended		
COMPONENT	ALTERNATE 1A	ALTERNATE 1B	ALTERNATE 2
	(1-lane on-site)	(2-lane on-site)	(new alignment)
Structures	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000
Bridge Removal	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
Roadway & Approaches	\$ 212,000	\$ 214,000	\$ 526,000
Detour & Approaches	\$ 365,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 0
Mobilization & Miscellaneous	\$ 502,000	\$ 509,000	\$ 500,000
Engineering & Contingencies	\$ 245,000	\$ 262,000	\$ 235,000
Total Construction	\$ 1,863,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,800,000
Right of Way	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 18,000
Total Cost	\$ 1,926,000	\$ 1,963,000	\$ 1,818,000

The estimated cost of the project shown in the 2002-2008 NCDOT Transportation Improvement Program is \$1,180,000, including \$130,000 spent in prior years, \$50,000 in right of way, and \$1,000,000 for construction.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Soil and water resources that occur in the project area are discussed below with respect to possible environmental concerns. Soil properties and site topography significantly influence the potential for soil erosion and compaction, along with other possible construction limitations or management concerns. Water resources within the project area present important management limitations due to the need to regulate water movement and the increased potential for water quality degradation. Excessive soil disturbance resulting from construction activities can potentially alter both the flow and quality of water resources, limiting downstream uses. In addition, soil characteristics and the availability of water directly influence the composition and distribution of flora and fauna in biotic communities, thus affecting the characteristics of these resources.

Regional Characteristics

Caswell County is located in the Northern Piedmont physiographic region of North Carolina. The county is characterized by predominately nearly level or gently sloping to strongly sloping soils on the Piedmont uplands and narrow to wide flood plains. Most of the upland ridges are convex, and the side slopes and shoulder slopes are dissected by numerous drainageways. Caswell County is located in the Roanoke River drainage basin. Tributaries of the Dan River, such as Moon Creek, Country Line Creek, Hyco Creek, and Hogans Creek drain a large portion of the county. The Roanoke River drainage basin is composed of two major rivers. They are the Dan River located to the West of Hyco Lake and the Roanoke River. The Roanoke Basin eventually drains into the Albemarle Sound. The North Carolina portion of the basin contains 16 counties with over half of that land in forest.

The project area is located in a terrace of Country Line Creek. The topography adjacent to the creek has typical bottomland characteristics. Alluvial deposits from the creek at periods of high flow has created a microtopography that holds a few ephemeral pools at the western end of the project. A portion of the project area located on the north and south side of SR 1565 (Long's Mill Road) is an agricultural row crop field.

Soils

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for Caswell County was contacted to provide soils information within the project vicinity. NCDOT was informed by the NRCS that currently there has been no soils mapping done for the project area. Therefore, soils information is not available.

Water Resources

This section contains information concerning surface water resources likely to be impacted by the proposed project. Water resource assessments include the physical characteristics, best usage standards, and water quality aspects of the water resources, along with their relationship to major regional drainage systems. Probable impacts to surface water resources are also discussed, as are means to minimize impacts.

Best Usage Classification

Water resources within the study area are located in the Roanoke River Drainage Basin; Division of Water Quality sub-basin number 03-02-04; United States Department of Interior Hydrologic Unit is 03010104. There are two water resources, Country Line Creek and an associated unnamed tributary, in the project study area crossed by SR 1565. (Figure 1)

Streams have been assigned a best usage classification by the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), formerly Division of Environmental Management (DEM), which reflects water quality conditions and potential resource usage. Unnamed tributaries receive the same classification as the streams to which they flow. The classification for Country Line Creek [DEM Index No. 22-56-(3.7), 8/03/92] is class C. Class C waters are freshwaters protected for secondary recreation, fishing, aquatic life including propagation and survival, and wildlife. All freshwaters shall be classified to protect these uses at a minimum.

No waters classified as High Quality Waters (HQW), Water Source (WS I or WS II), or Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) occur within 1 mile (1.6 km) of the project study area. Country Line Creek is not designated as a North Carolina Natural and Scenic River, nor is it designated as a National Wild and Scenic River.

Physical Characteristics of Surface Waters

As SR 1565 crosses Country Line Creek at the study area it is approximately 30-35 feet (9.1-10.6 meters) wide at the top of the bank and ranges in depth from 3-6 feet (0.9-1.8 meters) with a northeasterly, moderate flow. The substrate in the study area is composed of a sandy-silt loam. This creek, with moderate flow has relatively steep banks [6 feet (1.8 meters) deep at bank full].

An unnamed tributary flowing into Country Line Creek is crossed by Bridge No. 72 on SR 1565. It is approximately 13-18 feet (3.9–5.4 meters) wide at the top of the bank and ranges in depth from 2-4 feet (0.6-1.2 meters) on the south side of the bridge. As it passes under the bridge and into the woods it narrows to a bank full width of approximately 3-5 feet (0.91-1.50 meters) wide with a depth of 2-10 inches (5.1-25.4 cm). This tributary becomes much more meandering and prone to flooding as it enters the wooded area north of Long's Mill Road. The substrate is composed of sandy-silt loam. At the time of the survey the creek had a slow flow rate and may become stagnate during dry periods.

Water Quality

This section describes the quality of the water resources within the project area. Potential sediment loads and toxin concentrations of these waters from both point sources and nonpoint sources are evaluated. Water quality assessments are made based on published resource information and existing general watershed characteristics. These data provide insight into the value of water resources within the project area to meet human needs and to provide habitat for aquatic organisms.

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Ambient Network

The Benthic Macroinvertebrate Ambient Network (BMAN), managed by the DWQ, is part of an ongoing ambient water quality monitoring program which addresses long term trends in water quality. There are no BMAN monitoring station within the project vicinity. However, there is one station located approximately 7 miles downstream in Country Line Cr. at the NC 57 crossing. This station received a Good-Fair condition in August 1994.

Point source and Nonpoint source dischargers

Point source dischargers located throughout North Carolina are permitted through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. Any discharger is required to register for a permit. There are no permitted dischargers within the project vicinity.

Nonpoint source discharge refers to runoff that enters surface waters through stormwater or snowmelt. Agricultural activities may serve as a source for various forms of nonpoint source pollutants. Land clearing and plowing disturbs soils to a degree where they are susceptible to erosion, which can lead to sedimentation in streams. Sediment is the most widespread cause of nonpoint source pollution in North Carolina. Pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and land application of animal wastes can be transported via runoff to receiving streams and potentially elevate concentrations of toxic compounds and nutrients. Animal wastes can also be source of bacterial contamination and elevate biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). Drainage ditches on poorly drained soils enhances the transportation of stormwater into surface waters (DEM, 1993). A primary nonpoint pollution source in the project vicinity is runoff from the adjacent agricultural field, which could contain chemicals used in the practice of farming. Another nonpoint pollution source is runoff from SR 1565 which could contain petroleum products deposited by automobiles.

Summary of Anticipated Impacts

Impacts to water resources in the project area are likely to result from activities associated with project construction. Activities likely to result in impacts are clearing and grubbing on streambanks, riparian canopy removal, instream construction, fertilizers and pesticides used in revegetation, and pavement installation. The following impacts to surface water resources are likely to result from the above mentioned construction activities.

- Increased sedimentation and siltation downstream of the crossing and increased erosion in the project area.
- Changes in light incidence and water clarity due to increased sedimentation and vegetation removal.
- Alteration of water levels and flows due to interruptions and/or additions to surface and ground water flow from construction.
- Changes in and destabilization of water temperature due to vegetation removal.
- Increased nutrient loading during construction via runoff from exposed areas.
- Increased concentrations of toxic compounds in roadway runoff.
- Increased potential for release of toxic compounds such as fuel and oil from construction equipment and other vehicles.
- Alteration of stream discharge due to silt loading and changes in surface and groundwater drainage patterns.

In order to minimize potential impacts to water resources in the project area, NCDOT's Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters will be strictly enforced during the construction phase of the project. Limiting instream activities and revegetating stream banks immediately following the completion of grading can further reduce impacts.

BIOTIC RESOURCES

Biotic resources include terrestrial and aquatic communities. This section describes the biotic communities encountered in the project area, as well as the relationships between fauna and flora within these communities. The composition and distribution of biotic communities throughout the project area are reflective of topography, soils, hydrology, and past and present land uses. These classifications follow Schafale and Weakley (1990) where possible. Representative animal species that are likely to occur in these habitats (based on published range distributions) are also cited.

Scientific nomenclature and common names (when applicable) are provided for each animal and plant species described. Subsequent references to the same organism refer to the common name only. Fauna observed during the site visit are denoted in the text with an asterisk (*).

Terrestrial communities

Descriptions of the two terrestrial systems are presented in the context of plant community classifications. Terrestrial wildlife relationships are discussed after the three terrestrial community descriptions.

Disturbed/maintained roadside community

This community is located on both sides of SR 1565 and may be impacted by Alternates 1A, 1B, and 2. Included in this community are two agricultural fields that lie adjacent to the roadside community, both north and south of SR 1565. Because of farming practices, mowing, and the use of herbicides, this community is kept in a constant state of early succession. The ground cover of this community is composed of several species of herbaceous grasses and weeds, that may include: common chickweed (Stellaria media)*, wild ginger (Asarum canadense)*, star toadflax (Comandra umbellata)*, field sorrel (Rumex acetosella)*, corn salad (Valerianella olitoria)*, viola (Viola sp.)*, wild geranium (Geranium maculatum)*, purple dead nettle (Lamium purpureum)*, panic grass (Panicum sp.), milkweed (Asclepias sp.), ragweed (Ambrosia artemisifolia), wood sorrel (Oxalis sp.), red clover (Trifolium pratense), thistle (Carduus sp.), beggar's tick (Bidens sp.), plantain (Plantago sp.), vaseygrass (Paspalum sp.), wingstem (Actinomeris alternifolia), and bluegrass (Poa sp.). Vines that occupy these areas include swamp rose (Rosa sp.), Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia)*, trumpet vine (Campsis radicans), Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica)*, and blackberry (Rubus sp.)*. Often, the duration between maintenance sessions of highway right-of-ways is quite long, allowing time for larger herbaceous shrubs and woody vegetation to inhabit this disturbed area. Some of these herbaceous shrubs and woody vegetation that may inhabit this disturbed community include: hazelnut (Corylus americana), sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua)*, red maple (Acer rubrum)*, tulip poplar (Lirodendron tulipifera)*, scrub pine (Pinus virginiana), black walnut (Juglans nigra), evening primrose (Oenothera biennis), and smooth sumac (Rhus glabra).

Piedmont Bottomland Forest

This community is located on both sides of the tributaries that are being bridged and adjacent to the maintained/disturbed roadside community. The canopy layer in this community is composed of primarily sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua)*, river burch (Betula nigra)*, sycamore (Platanus occidentalis)*, red maple (Acer rubrum)*, and American elm (Ulmus americana)*. The understory is sparse and comprised of saplings of black cherry (Prunus serotina)*, red maple*, box elder (Acer negunda)*, blackhaw (Viburnum prunifolium)*, paw paw (Asimina triloba), spicebush (Lindera melissafolium)*, muscle wood (Carpinus caroliniana)*, bladdernut (Staphylea trifolia)*, and American elm*. The herbaceous layer is comprised of many species of plants. Some of these include bedstraws (Galium spp.)*, pale indian plantain (Cacalia atriplicifolia)*, bluegrass (Poa spp.)*, false nettle (Boehmeria cylindrica)*, white wood aster (Aster divaricatus), and various sedges (Carex spp.)*. Vines are frequently prominent in this community and may include Japanese honeysuckle*, crossvine (Bignonia capreolata)*, virgin's bower (Clematis virginiana)*, muscadine (Vitis rotundifolia)*, and poison ivy (Toxicodendron radicans)*. There is a wetland within this community on the east and west ends of the project associated with Country Line Creek and the unnamed tributary crossed by bridges 11 and 72, both north and south of SR 1565. This area is frequently flooded and ephemeral pools exist in the area due to the flooding. Low soil chroma values were observed in the wetland, as defined by Munsell color chart, in this area they were a 5/2 (10yr page). Representative vegetation in the wetland community included a canopy of red maple, river birch, sycamore, and sweetgum. The understory was comprised of black willow (Salix nigra), muscle wood, box elder, pepperbush (Clethra alnifolia), and possum-haw (Viburnum nudum). Vines found in the wetland are trumpet creeper (Campsis radicans), poison ivy (Rhus radicans), and Virginia creeper. The herbaceous layer included netted chainfern (Woodwardia areolata), rush (Juncus sp.), and knotweed (Polygonum sp.). The combined wetland area on the east and west end of the project that may be impacted by alternate 1a,1b, and 2 is approximately 0.16 acre (0.07 ha).

Terrestrial Wildlife

The disturbed/maintained roadside and agricultural fields adjacent to forested tracts provide rich ecotones for foraging, while the forests provide forage areas and cover. Birds that are often associated with ecotones between these communities are ruby-crowned kinglet (Regulus calendula), Carolina chickadee (Parus carolinensis), bluebird (Sialia sialis), downy woodpecker (Picoides pubescens), yellow-throated warbler (Dendroica dominica)*, blue-gray gnatcatcher (Polioptila caerulea)*, white-breasted nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis), northern cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis), ruby-throated hummingbird (Archilochus colubris), indigo bunting (Passerina cyanea), yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus), blue jay (Cyanocitta cristata), tuffed titmouse (Parus bicolor)*, acadian flycatcher (Empidonax traillii), and mourning dove (Zenaida macroura)*. The red-tailed hawk (Bueto jamaicensis) is a major predator in this habitat, feeding on small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Small mammals may inhabit these early successional habitats along forested areas, roadsides, and streams for nesting and feeding. Some of these small mammals include, woodchuck (Marmota monax), white-footed mouse (Peromyscus leucopus), least shrew (Crypototis parva), southern short-tailed shrew (Blarina carolinensis), hispid cottonrat (Sigmodon hispidus), and eastern cottontail rabbit (Sylvilagus floridanus).

Larger mammals may be present in these habitat areas during the four seasons for foraging, feeding, watering, bedding, and mating. Some of these larger mammals include: raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), white-tailed deer (*Odocoilus virginiana*), opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), and gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*).

Reptiles and amphibians that may inhabit these community types include queen snake (Regina septenvittata), black rat snake (Elaphe obsoleta), copperhead (Aghistrodon contortrix), garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis), American toad (Bufo americanus), Fowler's toad (Bufo woodhousii), fence lizard (Sceloporus undulatus), and five-lined skink (Eumeces laticeps).

Aquatic Community

This community consists of Country Line Creek and an unnamed tributary to Country Line Creek. Research has shown that a large amount of food chain energy of stream communities is derived from allochthonous (produced outside the river ecosystem) sources, in the form of terrestrial detritus. Rocks, fallen debris (logs, sticks, etc.), and low velocity areas in the river trap detritus within the river. The detritus is then decomposed by heterotrophic microorganisms, such as bacteria and consumed by macroinvertebrates, such as aquatic insects. In turn, the aquatic

insects are then consumed by larger organisms. The amount of allochthonous energy input within a river varies seasonally. Autochthonous (produced within the river ecosystem) energy sources include planktonic and benthic micro and macro algae as well as aquatic vascular vegetation. Fallen logs in the water and rock surfaces offer an attachment substrate for algae.

Aquatic insects found in this community include the water strider* (*Gerris* spp.), water beetle (Dytiscidae), stonefly (Plecoptera), cranefly (*Tipula* spp.), caddisfly (Trichoptera), stream mayfly (Ephemeroptera), and black-winged damselfly (*Calopteryx maculata*).

Aquatic insects found in this community may be eaten by gamefish and other fishes that may occur in Country Line Creek and the tributary. Gamefish such as chain pickeral (*Esox nigra*), largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), and sunfishes (*Lepomis* spp.) may occupy these tributaries. Other fishes, such as shiners (*Notropis* spp.), golden shiners (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*), eastern mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), darters (*Etheostoma* spp.)*, chubs (*Semotilus* spp.), daces (*Clinostomus* spp.), and catfishes (Ictaluridae) may occupy these tributaries as well.

Several other animals representing all vertebrate classes are integral parts of the aquatic system. The northern dusky salamander (*Desmognathus fuscus*) and the two-lined salamander (*Eurycea bislineata*) may occur under rocks and logs within the riverbed. Frogs, such as pickeral frog (*Rana palustris*), southern leopard frog (*Rana sphenocephala*), and bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*), may occur in this habitat along stream banks feeding on aquatic invertebrates. Other reptiles and amphibians occurring in this habitat feeding on small fish and mussels may include northern water snake (*Nerodia sipedon*) and snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*).

Summary of Anticipated Impacts

Construction of the proposed project will have various impacts on the biotic resources described. Any construction related activities in or near these resources have the potential to impact biological functions. This section quantifies and qualifies potential impacts to the natural communities within the project area in terms of the area impacted and the organisms affected. Temporary and permanent impacts are considered here as well, along with recommendations to minimize or eliminate impacts.

Terrestrial Impacts

Impacts to terrestrial communities will result from project construction due to the clearing and paving of portions of the project area, and thus the loss of community area. Table 2 (page 12) summarizes potential losses to these communities, resulting from project construction. Calculated impacts to terrestrial communities reflect the relative abundance of each community present in the study area. Estimated impacts are derived based on the project lengths described above in Section III-D (page 3) and the entire proposed right-of-way width of 80 feet (24.4 meters) for the bridge replacement for alternate 1A, 1B, and 2, and a proposed right-of-way width of 60 feet (18.2 meters) for the on-site detour. However, project construction often does not require the entire right-of-way; therefore, actual impacts may be considerably less.

Table 2. Estimated Area Impacts to Terrestrial Communities.

Community	Impacted Area acre (ha)				
	Alt. 1A & B*	Alt. 2*	On-Site Detour **		
Maintained / Disturbed Roadside	0.92 ac (0.37 ha)	1.78 ac (0.72 ha)	1.01 ac (0.40 ha)		
Piedmont Bottomland Forest	0.44 ac (0.18 ha)	1.24 ac (0.46 ha)	0.93 ac (0.38 ha)		
Total Impacts	1.36 ac (0.55 ha)	3.02 ac (1.18 ha)	1.94 ac (0.78 ha)		

^{*}Permanent Impacts

Aquatic Impacts

Impacts to the aquatic communities of Country Line Creek and the tributary to Country Line Creek will result from the replacement of Bridge No.'s 11 and 72. Impacts are likely to result from the physical disturbance of aquatic habitats (i.e. substrate and water quality). Disturbance of aquatic habitats has a detrimental effect on aquatic community composition by reducing species diversity and the overall quality of aquatic habitats. Physical alterations to aquatic habitats can result in the following impacts to aquatic communities:

- Inhibition of plant growth.
- Algae blooms resulting from increased nutrient concentrations.
- Loss of benthic macroinvertebrates through scouring resulting from an increased sediment load.

Impacts to aquatic communities can be minimized by strict adherence to Best Management Practices (BMP's).

Bridge No. 11 is located on SR 1565 over Country Line Creek in Caswell County. The bridge is composed completely of timber and steel. Therefore, Bridge No. 11 will be removed without dropping any component into Waters of the United States during construction. Bridge demolition is classified as a Case 3 - (there are no special restrictions other than those outlined in the Best Management Practices for Protection of Surface Waters).

Bridge No. 72 is located on SR 1565 over Country Line Creek in Caswell County. The bridge is composed completely of timber. Therefore, Bridge No. 72 will be removed without dropping any component into Waters of the United States during construction. Bridge demolition is classified as a Case 3 - (there are no special restrictions other than those outlined in the Best Management Practices for Protection of Surface Waters).

Due to the potential sedimentation concerns resulting from demolition of the bridges, where it is possible to do so, a turbidity curtain shall be included to contain and minimize sedimentation in the stream.

^{**}Temporary Impacts

For the protection of Surface Waters, Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal will be adhered to.

Natural resource recommendation for alternates

Natural resource issues should be major concerns during transportation improvement project development. The proper alignment chosen will have variable impacts on natural resources. From a natural resources perspective, Alternate 1A is the recommended and preferred alternate with the least natural resource impacts.

JURISDICTIONAL TOPICS

This section provides inventories and impact analyses pertinent to two significant regulatory issues: Waters of the United States and Rare and Protected species. These issues retain particular significance because of federal and state mandates that regulate their protection. This section deals specifically with the impact analyses required to satisfy regulatory authority prior to project construction.

Waters of the United States

Surface waters and wetlands fall under the broad category of "Waters of the United States," as defined in Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CRF) Part 328.3. Any action that proposes to dredge or place fill material into surface waters or wetlands falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Surface waters include all standing or flowing waters which have commercial or recreational value to the public. Wetlands are identified based on the presence of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and saturated or flooded conditions during all or part of the growing season.

Characteristics of Wetlands and Surface Waters

Criteria to delineate jurisdictional wetlands include evidence of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation and hydrology. Jurisdictional wetland impacts are likely to be (≥0.16 acres [0.06 ha]). Impacts to jurisdictional surface waters are calculated based on the linear feet of the stream that is located within the proposed right-of-way. Physical aspects of surface waters are described in the Best Usage Classification section (page 6). Impacts to jurisdictional surface waters within in the project right-of-way could possibly impact, but not to exceed, 80 linear feet (24.3 meters) of creek (proposed right-of-way) for alternate 1 and alternate 2. The on-site detour possible impacts would not exceed 60 linear feet (18.2 meters) of creek (proposed right-of-way).

Permits

Impacts to jurisdictional surface waters are anticipated from the proposed project. As a result, construction activities will require permits and certifications from various regulatory agencies in

charge of protecting the water quality of public water resources.

A Nationwide Permit 33 CFR 330.5(a) (23) is likely to be applicable for all impacts to Waters of the United States resulting from the proposed project. This permit authorizes activities undertaken, assisted, authorized, regulated, funded or financed in whole, or part, by another Federal agency or department where that agency or department has determined that pursuant to the council on environmental quality regulation for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act:

- 1. that the activity, work, or discharge is categorically excluded from environmental documentation because it is included within a category of actions which neither individually nor cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment, and;
- 2. that the office of the Chief of Engineers has been furnished notice of the agency's or department's application for the categorical exclusion and concurs with that determination.

This project will also require a 401 Water Quality Certification from the DWQ prior to the issuance of the Nationwide Permit. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that the state issue or deny water certification for any federally permitted or licensed activity that may result in a discharge to Waters of the United States. Section 401 Certification allows surface waters to be temporarily impacted for the duration of the construction or other land manipulation. The issuance of a 401 permit from the DWQ is a prerequisite to issuance of a Section 404 permit.

Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation

The COE has adopted through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) a wetland mitigation policy which embraces the concept of "no net loss of wetlands" and sequencing. The purpose of this policy is to restore and maintain the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of Waters of the United States, specifically wetlands. Mitigation of wetland impacts has been defined by the CEQ to include: avoiding impacts (to wetlands), minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time, and compensating for impacts (40 CFR 1508.20). Each of these three aspects (avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation) must be considered sequentially.

Avoidance mitigation examines all appropriate and practicable possibilities of averting impacts to Waters of the United States. According to a 1990 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the COE, in determining "appropriate and practicable" measures to offset unavoidable impacts, such measures should be appropriate to the scope and degree of those impacts and practicable in terms of cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

Minimization includes the examination of appropriate and practicable steps to reduce the adverse impacts to Waters of the United States. Implementation of these steps will be required through project modifications and permit conditions. Minimization typically focuses on decreasing the footprint of the proposed project through the reduction to median widths, right-of-way widths, fill slopes, and/or road shoulder widths.

Compensatory mitigation is not normally considered until anticipated impacts to Waters of the United States have been avoided and minimized to the maximum extent possible. It is recognized that "no net loss of wetlands" functions and values may not be achieved in each and every permit action. Appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation is required for unavoidable adverse impacts that remain after all appropriate and practicable minimization has been required. Compensatory actions often include restoration, creation, and enhancement of Waters of the United States, specifically wetlands. Such actions should be undertaken in areas adjacent to or contiguous to the discharge site.

Compensatory mitigation is required for those projects authorized under Nationwide Permits that result in the fill or alteration of:

- More than 0.10 ac (0.04 ha) of wetlands will require compensatory mitigation;
- And/or more than 150 linear feet (45.7 meters) of streams will require compensatory mitigation.

Written approval of the final mitigation plan is required from the DWQ prior to the issuance of a 401 Certification. Final permit/mitigation decisions rest with the COE; although, compensatory mitigation may be required due to wetland impacts (i.e. ≥ 0.16 acres [0.06 ha] of wetlands). Compensatory stream mitigation is not expected due to limited impacts (i.e. ≤ 150 feet [45.7 meters] of linear streams).

Rare and Protected Species

Some populations of fauna and flora have been in, or are in, the process of decline either due to natural forces or their inability to coexist with human development. Federal law (under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended) requires that any action, likely to adversely affect a species classified as federally-protected, be subject to review by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Other species may receive additional protection under separate state laws.

Federally-Protected Species

Plants and animals with federal classifications of Endangered (E), Threatened (T), Proposed Endangered (PE), and Proposed Threatened (PT) are protected under the provisions of Section 7 and Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. As of March 22, 2001, the FWS lists the James River Spiny mussel as the only species federally-protected for Caswell County.

On November 29, 2000, field surveys were conducted by the NCDOT biologist. No federally listed endangered or threatened species were observed during the surveys. Therefore the biological conclusion is No Effect.

Federal Species of Concern and State Listed Species

Federal species of concern are not afforded federal protection under the Endangered Species Act and are not subject to any of its provisions, including Section 7, until they are formally proposed or listed as Threatened or Endangered. However, the status of these species is subject to change, and so should be included for consideration. Federal Species of Concern (FSC) are defined as a species that is under consideration for listing for which there is insufficient information to support listing. In addition, organisms which are listed as Endangered (E), Threatened (T), or Special Concern (SC) by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program list of Rare Plant and Animal Species are afforded state protection under the NC State Endangered Species Act and the NC Plant Protection and Conservation Act of 1979. There are three federal species of concern listed by the FWS for Caswell County.

Table 3. Federal Species of Concern for Caswell County.

Scientific Name	Common Name	NC Status	Habitat
Fusconaia masoni	Atlantic Pigtoe	T	Present
Isoetes virginica	Virginia quillwort	C*	Absent
Lotus helleri	Heller's trefoil	C*	Present

- "T"--A Threatened species is one which is likely to become endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.
- "C"--A Candidate species is one which is very rare in North Carolina, generally with 1-20 populations in the state, generally substantially reduced in numbers by habitat destruction, direct exploitation or disease. The species is also either rare throughout its range or disjunct in North Carolina from a main range in a different part of the country or the world.
- * Historic record the species was last observed in the county more than 50 years ago.

A review of the NCNHP database of rare species and unique habitats shows no occurrences of rare species within the project vicinity.

VI. CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. Compliance Guidelines

This project is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106, codified at Title 36 CFR Part 800. Section 106 requires Federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings (federally funded, licensed, or permitted) on properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and afford the Advisory Council a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings.

B. Historic Architecture

On February 29, 2000, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the subject project. Subsequently, no known historic architecture structures are located within the area of potential effect. The SHPO concurs that the project is not likely to affect any resources of historical significance (see letter dated August 6, 2001).

C. Archaeology

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the subject project. There are no known archaeological sites within the proposed project area, and no archaeological investigation need be conducted (see letter dated August 6, 2001).

VII. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

This project is expected to have an overall positive impact. Replacement of an inadequate bridge will result in safer traffic operations.

This project is considered to be a "Categorical Exclusion" due to its limited scope and insignificant environmental consequences.

This bridge replacement will not have a substantial adverse effect on the quality of the human or natural environment by implementing the environmental commitments listed on the Project Commitments Sheet (Green Sheet) of this document in addition to use of current NCDOT standards and specifications.

The project is not in conflict with any plan, existing land use, or zoning regulation. No change in land use is expected to result from construction of this project.

There are no hazardous waste impacts.

No adverse effect on families or communities is anticipated. Right-of-way acquisition will be limited. No relocatees are expected with implementation of the proposed alternative.

No adverse effect on public facilities or services is expected. The project is not expected to adversely affect social, economic, or religious opportunities in the area.

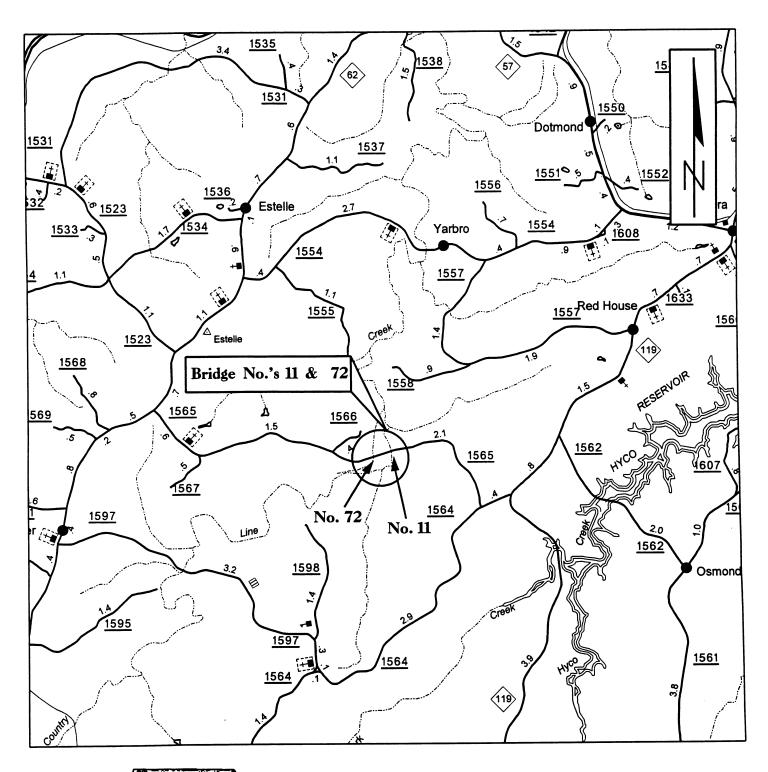
There are no publicly owned parks, recreational facilities, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance in the vicinity of the project. This project will not impact any resource protected by Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

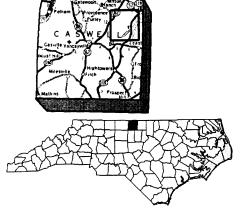
This project has been coordinated with the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Farmland Protection Policy Act requires all federal agencies or their representatives to consider the potential impact to prime farmland of all land acquisition and construction projects. With the exception of the construction of a temporary detour, all work will be done within the existing right-of-way. There are no soils classified as prime, unique, or having state or local importance in the vicinity of the project. Therefore, the project will not involve the direct conversion of farmland acreage within these classifications.

This project is an air quality "neutral" project, so it is not required to be included in the regional emissions analysis and a project level CO analysis is not required. If vegetation is disposed of by burning, all burning shall be done in accordance with applicable local laws and regulations of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality in compliance with 15 NCAC 2D.0520.

Noise levels could increase during construction but will be temporary. This evaluation completes the assessment requirements for highway traffic noise of Title 23, Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 772 and for air quality (1990 Clean Air Act Amendments and the National Environmental Policy Act) and no additional reports are required.

The proposed bridge replacement project will not raise the existing flood levels or have any significant adverse effect on the existing floodplain.







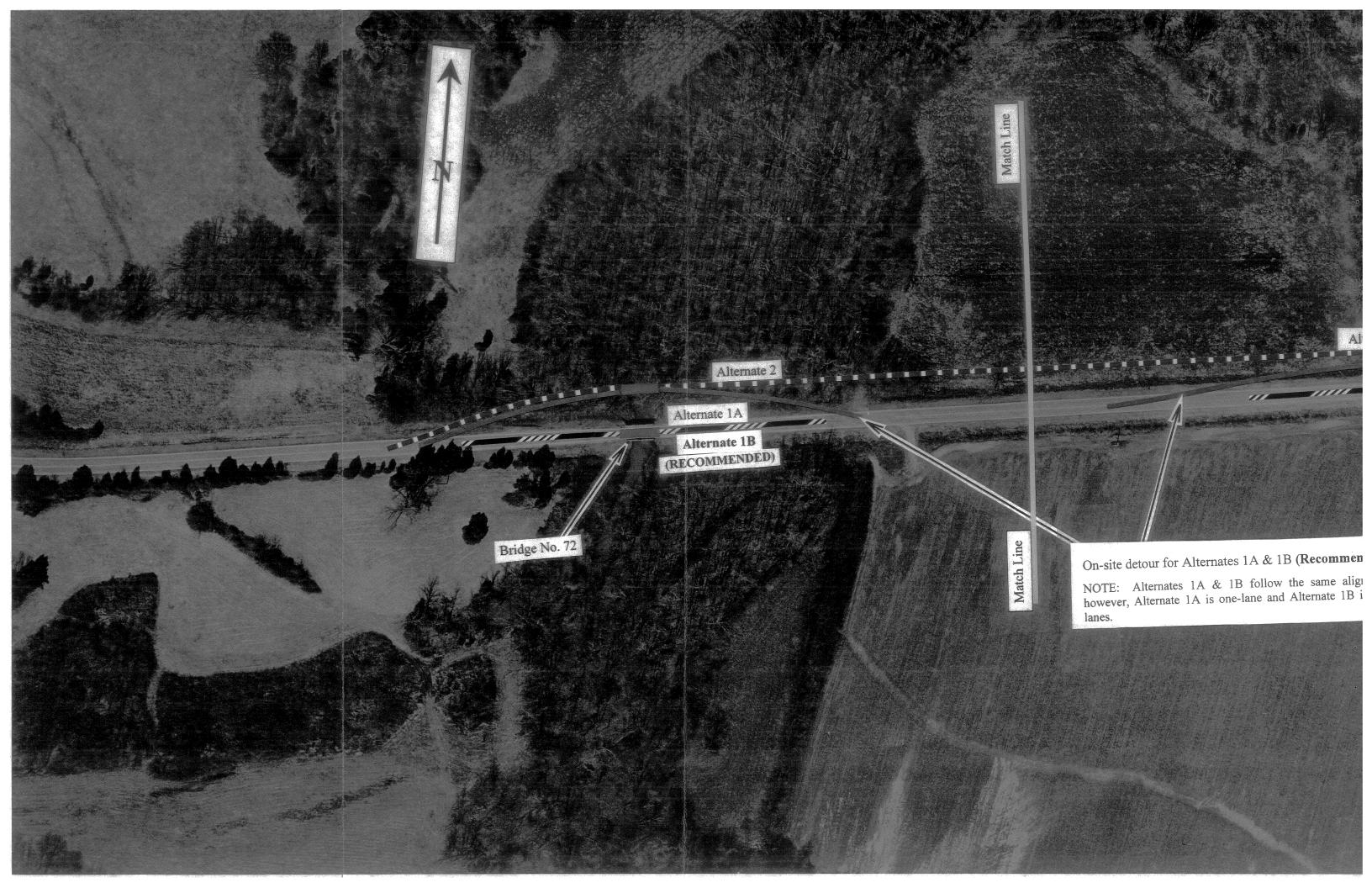
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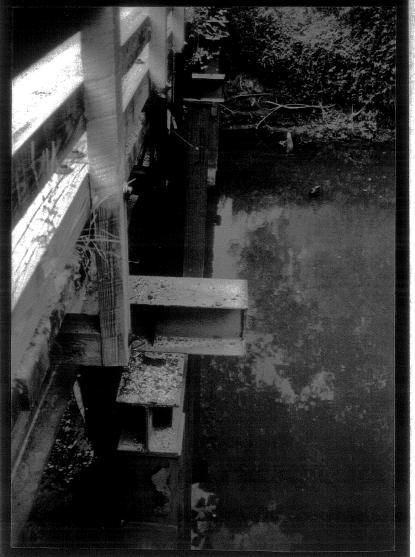
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Bridge No. 11 – Looking East from the bridge

Bridge No. 11 – North Face of Bridge

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FIGURE 3A



Bridge No. 72 – Looking East from the Bridge



Bridge No. 72 – North Face of Bridge

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North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

State Historic Preservation Office

David L. S. Brook, Administrator

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Division of Archives and History Jeffrey J. Crow, Director

August 6, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To:

William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager

NCDOT, Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch

From:

David Brook Deputy State Historic Preservation C

Re:

Replace Bridge No.'s 11 and 72 on SR 1565 over Country Line Creek,

TIP No. B-3629, Caswell County, ER 00-7866

Thank you for your memorandum of July 11, 2001, concerning the above project.

We have conducted a review of the project and are aware of no properties of architectural, historic, or archaeological significance, which would be affected by the project. Therefore, we have no comment on the project as currently proposed.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, Environmental Review Coordinator, at 919/733-4763.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Robin Young, Project Planning Engineer

Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch, NCDOT

FROM:

David Cox, Highway Project Coordinator

Habitat Conservation Program

DATE:

December 6, 1999

SUBJECT:

NCDOT Bridge Replacements in Caswell, Chatham, and Guilford counties. TIP Nos. B-3627, B-3629, B-3630, B-3631, B-3632, B-3633,

B-3823, B-3462, B-3463, B-3646, B-3647, and B-3648.

Biologists with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have reviewed the information provided and have the following preliminary comments on the subject project. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661-667d).

On bridge replacement projects of this scope our standard recommendations are as follows:

- 1. We generally prefer spanning structures. Spanning structures usually do not require work within the stream and do not require stream channel realignment. The horizontal and vertical clearances provided by bridges allows for human and wildlife passage beneath the structure, does not block fish passage, and does not block navigation by canoeists and boaters.
- 2. Bridge deck drains should not discharge directly into the stream.
- 3. Live concrete should not be allowed to contact the water in or entering into the stream.
- 4. If possible, bridge supports (bents) should not be placed in the stream.

- 5. If temporary access roads or detours are constructed, they should be removed back to original ground elevations immediately upon the completion of the project. Disturbed areas should be seeded or mulched to stabilize the soil and native tree species should be planted with a spacing of not more than 10'x10'. If possible, when using temporary structures the area should be cleared but not grubbed. Clearing the area with chain saws, mowers, bush-hogs, or other mechanized equipment and leaving the stumps and root mat intact, allows the area to revegetate naturally and minimizes disturbed soil.
- 6. A clear bank (riprap free) area of at least 10 feet should remain on each side of the steam underneath the bridge.
- 7. In trout waters, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reviews all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide and general '404' permits. We have the option of requesting additional measures to protect trout and trout habitat and we can recommend that the project require an individual '404' permit.
- 8. In streams that contain threatened or endangered species, NCDOT biologist Mr. Tim Savidge should be notified. Special measures to protect these sensitive species may be required. NCDOT should also contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information on requirements of the Endangered Species Act as it relates to the project.
- 9. In streams that are used by anadromous fish, the NCDOT official policy entitled "Stream Crossing Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Passage (May 12, 1997)" should be followed.
- 10. In areas with significant fisheries for sunfish, seasonal exclusions may also be recommended.

If corrugated metal pipe arches or concrete box culverts are used:

- 1. The culvert must be designed to allow for fish passage. Generally, this means that the culvert or pipe invert is buried at least 1 foot below the natural stream bed. If multiple cells are required the second and/or third cells should be placed so that their bottoms are at stream bankful stage (similar to Lyonsfield design). This will allow sufficient water depth in the culvert or pipe during normal flows to accommodate fish movements. If culverts are long, baffle systems are required to trap gravel and provide resting areas for fish and other aquatic organisms.
- 2. If multiple pipes or cells are used, at least one pipe or box should be designed to remain dry during normal flows to allow for wildlife passage.
- 3. Culverts or pipes should be situated so that no channel realignment or widening is required. Widening of the stream channel at the inlet or outlet of structures usually causes a decrease in water velocity causing sediment deposition that will require future maintenance.
- 4. Riprap should not be placed on the stream bed.

In most cases, we prefer the replacement of the existing structure at the same location with road closure. If road closure is not feasible, a temporary detour should be designed and located to avoid wetland impacts, minimize the need for clearing and to

avoid destabilizing stream banks. If the structure will be on a new alignment, the old structure should be removed and the approach fills removed from the 100-year floodplain. Approach fills should be removed down to the natural ground elevation. The area should be stabilized with grass and planted with native tree species. If the area that is reclaimed was previously wetlands, NCDOT should restore the area to wetlands. If successful, the site may be used as wetland mitigation for the subject project or other projects in the watershed.

Project specific comments:

- 1. B-3627 Caswell County Bridge No. 24 over (North) Hyco Creek. This bridge should be replaced with a bridge. There appears to be high quality wetlands on both sides of the bridge. If an on-site detour is necessary, we recommend the upstream side of the bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 2. B-3629 Caswell County Bridge No. 11 over Country Line Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 3. B-3630 Caswell County Bridge No. 70 over Lynch Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 4. B-3631 Caswell County Bridge No. 105 over a prong of County Line Creek. No specific comments. Standard recommendations apply.
- 5. B-3632 Chatham County Bridge No. 200 over Bear Creek. We would recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. A significant fishery exists for sunfish and largemouth bass immediately downstream of this site. We recommend an in-water work moratorium from April 1 to June 15 to minimize impacts to spawning sunfish and largemouth bass. There are also records of the federally endangered Cape Fear shiner (Notropis mekistocholas) in the vicinity of this bridge. We recommend that NCDOT biologist, Tim Savidge, be notified and an on-site inspection be scheduled with NCWRC and USFWS biologists as soon as possible.
- 6. B-3633 Chatham County Bridge No. 247 over Little Brush Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 7. B-3823 Chatham County Bridge No. 40 over Landrum Creek. We would recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. A significant fishery exists for sunfish and largemouth bass of this site. We recommend an in-water work moratorium from April 1 to June 15 to minimize impacts to spawning sunfish and largemouth bass. There are also records of the federally endangered Cape Fear shiner (Notropis mekistocholas) in the vicinity of this bridge. We recommend that NCDOT biologist, Tim Savidge, be notified and an on-site inspection be scheduled with NCWRC and USFWS biologists as soon as possible.
- 8. B-3462 Guilford County Bridge No. 194 over Buffalo Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 9. B-3463 Guilford County Bridge No. 171 over South Buffalo Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 10. B-3646 Guilford County Bridge No. 185 over Haw Creek. Standard recommendations apply.

- 11. B-3647 Guilford County Bridge No. 172 over North Buffalo Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.
- 12. B-3648 Guilford County Bridge No. 158 over North Buffalo Creek. We recommend replacing this bridge with a bridge. Standard recommendations apply.

We request that NCDOT routinely minimize adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources in the vicinity of bridge replacements. The NCDOT should install and maintain sedimentation control measures throughout the life of the project and prevent wet concrete from contacting water in or entering into these streams. Replacement of bridges with spanning structures of some type, as opposed to pipe or box culverts, is recommended in most cases. Spanning structures allow wildlife passage along streambanks, reducing habitat fragmentation and vehicle related mortality at highway crossings.

If you need further assistance or information on NCWRC concerns regarding bridge replacements, please contact me at (919) 528-9886. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on these projects.



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SUBJECT:

NCDOT Bridge Replacement in Caswell County of North Carolina. TIP No.

B-3629.

Biologists with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have reviewed the information provided and have the following preliminary comments on the subject project. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661-667d).

On bridge replacement projects of this scope our standard recommendations are as follows:

- 1. We generally prefer spanning structures. Spanning structures usually do not require work within the stream and do not require stream channel realignment. The horizontal and vertical clearances provided by bridges allows for human and wildlife passage beneath the structure, does not block fish passage, and does not block navigation by canoeists and boaters.
- 2. Bridge deck drains should not discharge directly into the stream.
- 3. Live concrete should not be allowed to contact the water in or entering into the stream.
- 4. If possible, bridge supports (bents) should not be placed in the stream.
- 5. If temporary access roads or detours are constructed, they should be removed back to original ground elevations immediately upon the completion of the project. Disturbed areas should be seeded or mulched to stabilize the soil and native tree species should be planted with a spacing of not more than 10'x10'. If possible, when using temporary structures the area should be cleared but not grubbed. Clearing the area with chain

- saws, mowers, bush-hogs, or other mechanized equipment and leaving the stumps and root mat intact, allows the area to revegetate naturally and minimizes disturbed soil.
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- 10. In areas with significant fisheries for sunfish, seasonal exclusions may also be recommended.
- 11. Sedimentation and erosion control measures sufficient to protect aquatic resources must be implemented prior to any ground disturbing activities. Structures should be maintained regularly, especially following rainfall events.
- 12. Temporary or permanent herbaceous vegetation should be planted on all bare soil within 15 days of ground disturbing activities to provide long-term erosion control.
- 13. All work in or adjacent to stream waters should be conducted in a dry work area. Sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, or other diversion structures should be used where possible to prevent excavation in flowing water.
- 14. Heavy equipment should be operated from the bank rather than in stream channels in order to minimize sedimentation and reduce the likelihood of introducing other pollutants into streams.
- 15. Only clean, sediment-free rock should be used as temporary fill (causeways), and should be removed without excessive disturbance of the natural stream bottom when construction is completed.
- 16. During subsurface investigations, equipment should be inspected daily and maintained to prevent contamination of surface waters from leaking fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials.
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accomplished by constructing a low sill on the upstream end of the other cells that will divert low flows to another cell. This will allow sufficient water depth in the culvert or pipe during normal flows to accommodate fish movements. If culverts are long, notched baffles should be placed in reinforced concrete box culverts at 15 foot intervals to allow for the collection of sediments in the culvert, to reduce flow velocities, and to provide resting places for fish and other aquatic organisms moving through the structure.

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Project specific comments:

B-3629 – Caswell County – Bridge No. 11 and 72 over Country Line Creek. We are
resubmitting comments on this project due to a change in scope. We have previously
submitted comments for bridge No. 11. The previously submitted comments, along with our
general guidance, apply to both bridge replacements.

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